

## Sigh Of Relief On Wall Street

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — You can almost hear Wall Street exhaling.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared more than 300 points Thursday after Republican leaders and President Barack Obama finally seemed willing to end a 10-day budget standoff that has threatened to leave the U.S. unable to pay its bills.



Trader Daniel Trimble works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. Stocks rose sharply in trading on Wall Street following hopeful signs that the budget impasse in DC would break.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The news drove the Dow to its biggest point rise this year and ended a three-week funk in stocks. It also injected some calm into the frazzled market for short-term government debt.

Republican leaders said Thursday they would vote to extend the government's borrowing authority for six weeks. A spokesman for Obama said the president would "likely" sign a bill to increase the nation's ability to borrow money so it can continue paying its bills.

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House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio listens during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. Facing a fresh deadline, Boehner said Thursday that Republicans would vote to extend the government's ability to borrow money for six weeks - but only if President Barack Obama first agrees to fresh negotiations on spending cuts.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Boehner offers short-term debt extension

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans struggled inconclusively Thursday to find common ground that could avert an economy-tanking default and possibly end the 10-day-old partial government shutdown that has idled 350,000 federal workers.

"We expect further conversations tonight," Majority Leader Eric Cantor said cryptically, after he, Speaker John Boehner and a delegation of House Republicans had met for an

hour or so with Obama at the White House.

He spoke at dusk, long after Boehner first outlined a compromise proposal that the White House carefully avoided rejecting — only to have Senate Democrats declare it unacceptable.

"Not going to happen," declared Majority Leader Harry Reid, standing outside the White House after he and fellow Democrats met with President Barack Obama. Reid referred to a Republican plan to leave the 10-day partial government shutdown in place

while raising the nation's \$16.7 trillion debt limit and triggering negotiations between the Republicans and Obama over spending cuts and other issues.

Boehner produced the proposal as the partial shutdown entered its 10th day. Separately and more ominously, the administration has warned that unless the federal debt ceiling is raised, the government will deplete its ability to borrow money by next Thursday, an event officials have warned could trigger an unprecedented U.S. fi-

nancial default that could wound the world economy as well as America's.

Passing temporary funding bills to keep the government running and upping its debt limit so it can pay its bills in full and on time are normally routine matters in Congress. But they've become entangled in Republican demands for cuts in government programs, including Obama's 2010 health care overhaul law, and a bigger effort to cut long-term federal deficits.

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# Edward Snowden's father arrives in Moscow

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**MOSCOW** - After fleeing his home in Hawaii for Hong Kong, then spending a month as resident of an airport transit zone in Moscow before winning temporary asylum in Russia, the fugitive National Security Agency contractor, Edward J. Snowden, is getting a visit from his father.

Lon Snowden, who lives in Pennsylvania, arrived Thursday morning at Sheremetyevo Airport - the place the younger Snowden called home for more than a month - where he told a waiting Russian television crew that he had had no direct contact with his son since June.

Snowden said he did not expect his son to return to the United States, where the 30-year-old former intelligence contractor is wanted on espionage charges, and did not give any indication that he would try to persuade him to do so.

"I'm not sure that my son will be returning to the U.S. again," Snowden said. "That's his decision, you know. He's an adult."

Russia's agreement to give Edward Snowden refuge added further tension to a relationship with the United States that has been

deeply strained in recent months, and it was a major factor in a decision by the White House to cancel a planned summit meeting between President Barack Obama and President Vladimir V. Putin that

grams based on information obtained by Snowden using his national security clearance have continued to appear in news publications. Those disclosures have been coordinated by associates of Snowden,

in Russia. To obtain a visa to Russia, which is required for U.S. citizens, visitors must have an invitation that can be provided by a hotel or by a private individual. The younger Snowden, who won worldwide notice



Lon Snowden, left, listens as Edward Snowden's lawyer Anatoly Kucherena speaks to The Associated Press in Moscow, Russia, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. Edward Snowden's father Lon Snowden told Russian television outside the Moscow airport Thursday morning that his son is not planning to return to the United States. Lon Snowden thanked Russia and President Vladimir Putin for sheltering his son. He would not say when or where he will be meeting his son.

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

had been scheduled in early September. In recent weeks, however, Snowden has been less of a factor as officials seem focused on a joint effort to disarm Syria of chemical weapons.

Meanwhile, disclosures about U.S. surveillance pro-

grams based on information obtained by Snowden using his national security clearance have continued to appear in news publications. Those disclosures have been coordinated by associates of Snowden,

including The Guardian columnist Glenn Greenwald, who had also suggested that he might visit Snowden in Russia. Lon Snowden added that he had come to Russia as a guest of Anatoly G. Kucherena, his son's legal aide

by exposing details of U.S. surveillance programs and has presented himself as a champion of openness and transparency, has become largely a cipher himself since obtaining temporary asylum in Russia in August. □

## Draghi: World doesn't believe US will default

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — European Central Bank head Mario Draghi says a U.S. government debt default would cause "severe damage" to the American and global economies — but that the rest of the world doesn't believe it will happen.

"The world still does not believe that the United States will not find a way out of this," Draghi said in response to a question after a speech Thursday at the Economic Club of New York. President Barack Obama and Republicans in the U.S. Congress are at loggerheads over legislation to raise the U.S. debt ceiling so the government can keep paying its debts past this month. "There are two types of situation that we have to keep in mind," Draghi said. "Firstly, an agreement is found but late, and there may be an accident in between. 'Clearly the market's response will depend on what type of accident. It depends very much on what sort of no-payment happens.' He went on to add: "The second situation is one where this standoff last several months, or several weeks. In that case it's probably safe to say that this would cause severe damage to the U.S. economy and the world."

U.S. debt securities are traded and held as safe investments throughout the global financial system and many officials and market participants say a failure to pay when they come due would cause serious disruption.

In his speech, Draghi said the eurozone economy will stay "subdued and uneven" for a while and emphasized that the bank has room to cut interest rates further to help growth.

Analysts say Draghi wants markets to know that the bank is nowhere near withdrawing its stimulus efforts, unlike the U.S. Federal Reserve. □

# Canada upholds law against assisted suicide

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**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — British Columbia's appeals court overturned a lower court ruling Thursday that found Canada's law against physician-assisted suicide to be unconstitutional.

The court ruled in a split decision that a judge erred last year when she found sections of the Criminal Code that prohibit assisted suicide to be an unconstitutional violation of the charter rights of gravely ill Canadians. The case will now likely go to the Canadian Supreme Court, which last considered the issue of assisted suicide in 1993.

The federal government had appealed the deci-

sion from the B.C. Supreme Court, which ruled last year that safeguards could be put in place to protect against the risks associated with doctor-assisted dying. Justices Mary Newbury and Mary Saunders agreed in the decision released Thursday that while the law banning assisted suicide has certainly evolved in the last two decades, it hasn't changed enough to undermine the 1993 decision from Supreme Court of Canada. "As the law now stands, there does not appear to be an avenue for relief from a generally sound law that has an extraordinary, even cruel, effect on a small number of individuals," the judges wrote in a joint ruling.

When the Supreme Court of Canada last considered the issue of assisted suicide, the judges were split in favor of upholding the current law in a case involving Sue Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, who also had Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as ALS, gripped Canadians as she fought in court for the right to assisted suicide. She lost her appeal but took her own life with the help of an anonymous doctor in 1994, at the age of 44. The judge concluded the law must allow physician-assisted suicide and physician-assisted death — also known as voluntary euthanasia — in cases involving patients who are diagnosed with a serious illness or disability

and who are experiencing "intolerable" physical or psychological suffering with no chance of improvement.

The earlier decision said patients in such scenarios must personally request physician-assisted death, must be free from coercion and cannot be clinically depressed. Rodriguez had argued that the law should be struck down as a violation of the charter, but the court ruled against her.

The federal government has argued the 1993 Supreme Court of Canada ruling should be the final word on the matter, noting Parliament has voted several times, mostly recently in 2010, to maintain the status quo. □



## US judge tells man he's still 'legally dead'

**FINDLAY, Ohio (AP)** — A man who disappeared decades ago is finding out there's no easy way to come back from the dead. Donald Miller Jr. went to court this week to ask a county judge to reverse a 1994 ruling that declared him legally dead after he had vanished from his home eight years earlier. But the judge turned down his request, citing a three-year time limit for changing a death ruling.

Hancock County Probate Court Judge Allan Davis called it a "strange, strange situation."

"We've got the obvious here."

A man sitting in the courtroom, he appears to be in good health," said Davis, who told Miller the three-year limit was clear.

"I don't know where that leaves you, but you're still deceased as far as the law is concerned," the judge said.

Miller resurfaced about eight years ago and went to court so that he could get a driver's license and reinstate his Social Security number.

His ex-wife had opposed the move, saying she doesn't have the money to repay the Social Security benefits that were paid out to her and the couple's two children after Miller was declared dead.

Robin Miller said her former husband vanished because he owed big child support payments and that the overdue payments had totaled \$26,000 by 1994. The (Findlay) Courier reported.

Miller, 61, told the judge that he disappeared in the 1980s because he had lost his job and he was an alcoholic. He lived in Florida and Georgia before returning to Ohio around 2005.

His parents told him about his "death" when he came back to the state, he said. "It kind of went further than I ever expected it to," Miller said. "I just kind of took off, ended up in different places." □

# Boehner offers short-term debt extension

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Heartened by any hint of progress, Wall Street chose to accentuate the positive. After days of decline, the Dow Jones industrial average soared 323 points on hopes that the divided government was taking steps to avoid a default. Reid's dismissive comments at the White House came at the end of the trading day.

And despite Reid's comments, some Republicans said they might look to him to add a provision reopening the government to any

debt-limit increase the House passed.

The up-and-down day coincided with a dour warning from Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, who told lawmakers that the prospect of default had already caused interest rates to rise — and that worse lay ahead.

Appearing before the Senate Finance Committee, Lew said the Treasury must pay Social Security and veterans benefits as well as salaries to active duty military troops during the second half of this month. He said failure to raise the

debt limit by Oct. 17 "could put timely payment of all of these at risk."

House Speaker John Boehner led a delegation of fellow Republicans to the White House for a late-afternoon meeting with Obama as the two sides groped for a way out of the latest in a string of crises. "I would hope the president would look at this as an opportunity and a good faith effort on our part to move halfway, halfway to what he's demanded, in order to have these conversations begin," Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters earlier

in the day.

He spoke after informing his rank and file that he intends to bring legislation to the floor as early as Friday to let the Treasury borrow freely until Nov. 22, contingent on Obama's agreement to open talks on legislation to reopen the government and discuss other pressing issues.

That would leave in effect the partial government shutdown, in its 10th day Thursday, that has idled 350,000 federal workers but so far has not produced the type of widespread economic hardship that a default might mean.

Earlier Thursday, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew warned the Senate Finance Committee that failure to renew the government's ability to borrow money "could be deeply damaging" to financial markets and threaten Americans' jobs and savings. It would also leave the government unsure of when it could make payments ranging from food aid to reimbursements to doctors, he said.

"The United States should not be put in a position of making such perilous choices for our economy and our citizens," the secretary said. "There is no way of knowing the irrevocable damage such an approach would have on our economy and financial markets." □



Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, before the Senate Finance Committee to urge Congress to reopen the government and lift the US borrowing cap, conditions President Barack Obama insists on before he will negotiate over the nation's budget ills.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

## JPMorgan sells off short-term US government debt

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investment banking giant JPMorgan Chase said Thursday it has sold all of its exposure to short-term U.S. government debt out of its money market funds, following a similar move by other money market mutual fund managers. The announcement comes a day after Fidelity Investments, the nation's largest manager of money market mutual funds, said it no longer holds any U.S. government debt that comes due around the time America

could hit its borrowing limit. In a statement Thursday, JPMorgan said its money market funds no longer held any U.S. Treasuries that mature or have payments scheduled between Oct. 16 and Nov. 6. The New York bank said it has also increased its liquidity position in the funds. JPMorgan holds about \$257 billion in its money market funds, according to its website.

While JPMorgan Chase & Co. said it believes the probability of a U.S. government default is low, it is taking precautionary mea-

sures to protect investors. Money market funds like JPMorgan and Fidelity have been cutting back their exposure to short-term U.S. government debt for the last three weeks.

Investors have concerns that if the U.S. government were to hit the debt ceiling, it would not be able to promptly pay back bondholders.

The yield on the one-month Treasury bill, the security that has been at the center of investor concerns, was at 0.21 percent late Thursday. While that is down from the

0.35 percent it hit earlier in the week, it's well above normal levels. A month ago, one-month T-bills had a yield near zero.

Money market funds are typically ultra-safe places to park money, investing primarily in short-term debt that can be easily bought and sold. In a money market fund, investors expect to get back every dollar they invest.

A spokeswoman from JPMorgan Chase said the move only applies to the bank's asset management business. □



# Kwame Kilpatrick, disgraced mayor, gets 28-year sentence

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**DETROIT** - A federal judge on Thursday sentenced Kwame M. Kilpatrick, the former mayor of this beleaguered city, to 28 years in prison for widespread corruption that prosecutors say deepened the city's financial crisis.

"At the very least, a significant sentence will send a message that this kind of conduct will not be tolerated," said Judge Nancy G. Edmunds of U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, before she read the sentence.

The punishment, which matched what prosecutors had sought, ranks among the strictest in such major state and local public corruption cases.

Kilpatrick, 43, was convicted of two dozen counts in March that included charges of racketeering and extortion, adding his name to a list of at least 18 city officials who have

been convicted of corruption during his tenure as mayor.

His sentencing comes at a sobering moment for the city he once led, which is now remaking itself in bankruptcy court as residents wrestle over whom to blame for the fiscal mess. For Detroiters, Kilpatrick's meteoric fall - from potential savior of a struggling city to prison-bound symbol of financial mismanagement - may be the closest they will get to holding past leaders accountable for decades of disappointment and poor fiscal decisions.

"He's become the poster child of what went wrong with the city and why it went bankrupt," said Adolph Mongo, a political consultant who worked for Kilpatrick's re-election campaign. Yet he said it was unfair to pin the city's problems on any single elected leader.

"It was a house of cards,"

Mongo said of Detroit's fiscal health. "Kilpatrick was the last card. He fell and it knocked everything

city's historic bankruptcy, which is the result of larger social and economic forces at work for decades. But

tence of no more than 15 years, emphasized to the judge Kilpatrick's achievements as mayor and ar-



Malik Shabazz, left, and Wanda Redmond show their support for former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick outside federal court in Detroit, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. Kilpatrick was sentenced Thursday to 28 years in prison, one of the longest recent punishments for public corruption in the United States. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

down." Or, as prosecutors recently wrote in court documents: "Kilpatrick is not the main culprit of the

his corrupt administration exacerbated the crisis." Kilpatrick's lawyers, who were pushing for a sen-

gued that he had been unfairly targeted as a scapegoat for the city's insolvency. □

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# Starbucks asks customers to sign shutdown petition



Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz speaks at a company shareholders meeting, in Seattle, Wash. From Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, to Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, the coffee chain is offering a free tall brewed coffee to any customer in the U.S. who buys another person a beverage at Starbucks. The offer is a way to help fellow citizens "support and connect with one another, even as we wait for our elected officials to do the same for our country," Schultz said in a memo to staff on Tuesday. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Starbucks, better known for its

piping hot coffee, is throwing itself in the middle of yet another heated national debate.

The world's biggest coffee chain said Thursday that it will ask U.S. customers and businesses to sign a peti-

tion calling for an end to the partial government shutdown that has forced hundreds of thousands of federal workers off the job. The petition, which will be available at all Starbucks 11,000 U.S. locations to sign beginning Friday, calls for reopening the government, paying debts on time and passing a long-term budget deal by the end of the year. In addition to Starbucks customers, the company is trying to get the CEOs of the nation's largest companies to sign. The move is unusual for a company like Starbucks. While big brands generally steer clear of politics to avoid alienating customers, Starbucks and its outspoken CEO, Howard Schultz,

in recent years have run toward the spotlight by trying to gain a voice in national political issues.

But because the company's efforts are generally non-partisan and unlikely to cause controversy, marketing and corporate image experts say they bur-nish Starbucks' reputation as a socially-conscious company.

"It's always risky when brands mix politics and business," said Allen Adamson, managing director of the New York-based branding firm Landor Associates. "But the benefit for Starbucks likely outweighs the risk."

Last month, Schultz asked customers not to bring guns into Starbucks stores. □

## Foul play ruled out in hospital patient's death

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A spokesman for the family of a San Francisco woman whose body was found in the stairwell of a hospital where she was a patient says investigators have ruled out foul play in her disappearance and death. The spokesman, David Perry, told reporters Thurs-

day that while the coroner hasn't established a cause or time of death for 57-year-old Lynne Spalding, a native of England, investigators don't think she was the victim of an attack. Spalding's body was found Tuesday in a fire exit stairwell at San Francisco General Hospital. She was ad-

mitted to the city-owned hospital with an infection on Sept. 19 and reported missing from her room two days later.

Meanwhile, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee announced Thursday that he's hiring an independent consultant to investigate the hospital's security protocols. □

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# Nyad ends NY swim, raises \$105K for storm victims

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Endurance swimmer Diana Nyad on Thursday ended her 48-hour swim in pool set up at a busy Manhattan intersection to benefit the victims of last year's devastating Superstorm Sandy, an event that raised more than \$105,000 in donations. "It honestly was tougher than I ever imagined it to be," the 64-year-old Nyad said as she emerged from the pool at 8:48 a.m. Her words were drowned out by whoops, claps and cheers from the crowd.

"That was a long two days," said Nyad, bundled up in a blanket and receiving fluids intravenously as she spoke to reporters.

Nyad, a New York City native, started the swim Tuesday morning in the 40-yard pool set up in midtown Manhattan's Herald Square, getting out only to use the restroom. Her aim was to raise money for people still struggling a year after Sandy.

"I think my real point here was, regardless of whether you're from New York, we, the citizens of the world, can't forget these people, because a year ago the storm ravaged their lives," she said.

According to the AmeriCares Foundation, which will distribute the donations raised the through crowdsourcing website

CrowdRise, the swim raised \$105,711 as of Thursday afternoon. AmeriCares will accept donations through the end of October.

"We're pleased with the amount and all the visibility Diana brought to the continuing recovery needs of Sandy survivors," AmeriCares spokeswoman Leslie Gianelli said. Nyad last month became the first person confirmed to have swum from Havana to Key West, Florida, without a shark cage. She said her urban swim was less lonely but grueling nonetheless.

"I was constantly chilly," Nyad said. "If we do it again we'll do it earlier in the year, like Labor Day."

She thanked the celebrities and others who swam alongside her over the two-day event, including Olympian Ryan Lochte and exercise guru Richard

Simmons. Carol Shattuck, 67, of Riverside, Connecticut, the chief of staff of

AmeriCares Foundation, said she and other staff members joined Nyad on

Tuesday. "It was so exciting because Diana is such an inspiration," she said. □



Diana Nyad celebrates the finish of her 48-hour continuous "Swim for Relief" to support Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, in New York's Herald Square. The swim is raising funds at [www.NyadSwimforRelief.com](http://www.NyadSwimforRelief.com) for AmeriCares, a non-profit relief organization, with P&G brands such as Duracell, Tide and Secret underwriting the production costs to maximize the funds donated. (Diane Bondareff/AP Images)

## Auto-erotic asphyxiation seen in Castro death

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**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — Kidnapper Ariel Castro's death by hanging in his prison cell may not have been suicide, but an attempt to choke himself for a sexual thrill, authorities said Thursday. They also said two guards falsified logs documenting the number of times they checked on Castro before he died.

The report from the Ohio

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction suggests — but does not conclude — that Castro may have died as the result of auto-erotic asphyxiation, whereby individuals achieve sexual satisfaction while choking themselves into unconsciousness.

Castro's pants and underwear were pulled down to his ankles when he was found Sept. 3 in his cell at a prison reception center south of Columbus, the re-

port said. He had a sheet wrapped around his neck, which was attached to a window hinge, investigators said.

Officials also found a Bible open to John Chapters 2 and 3 and pictures of Castro's family arranged "in a poster-board fashion," according to the report.

Those facts were forwarded to the state highway patrol "for consideration of the possibility of auto-erotic asphyxiation," the report said. Patrol spokeswoman Lt. Anne Ralston said she could not immediately comment. The coroner classified Castro's death as a suicide last week.

Castro did not leave a suicide note and "multiple levels of assessment" did not find tendency toward suicide, the report said. A comprehensive mental health evaluation found

"no evidence of serious mental illness or indications for suicide precautions were present," according to the report.

The day he died, he expressed interest in the possibility he would serve his time segregated from the general prison population. As a result of those facts, no motivation for suicide was found, the state concluded. In court, Castro blamed his problems on an addiction to pornography. At his August sentencing, he described himself as a sex addict.

Castro, 53, was a few weeks into a life sentence after pleading guilty in August to kidnapping three women from the streets of Cleveland, then imprisoning them in his home for a decade during which time he repeatedly raped and beat them. □

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## US Financial Front:

# American consumers getting upper hand in car shopping

Leon Stafford

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**ATLANTA** -- When Jennifer Williams walked into the Nalley Lexus dealership on Tuesday, all she needed was a salesperson to provide her a good deal on her trade-in, the keys to her RX 350 SUV and a happy wave goodbye.

Thanks to the Internet, Williams had done research ahead of time and already knew what cars were available on the lot, their features, price and even ownership and mileage records. She also pre-investigated available interest rates, her credit score and, most importantly, what Nalley's competitors were offering. "I just needed to know what you're going to give me for my trade, talk interest rates and see if they could take a little bit off the car," she said.

Williams is the epitome of the new car shopper, industry experts say. Unlike a decade ago, today's

car buyers walk in the door with almost as much knowledge about what's on a lot as the sales staff. And they don't want to spend hours negotiating or being wooed into costly



**Chevrolet passenger cars form a row on a dealer's lot in Needham, Mass.**  
(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

upgrades. That has made it more difficult for dealerships to make the same profits of yesteryear and pushed some to change how they compensate employees. Lexus South Atlanta, for instance, switched from paying staff

a traditional commission to an hourly salary plus incentives. "The opportunity to negotiate has almost been eliminated," Sid Barron, general manager at Lexus South, said, empha-

volume -- car sales have surged since 2009 -- and by capturing more of the service business. Today's cars have become so technologically complicated that independent mechanics are being cut out because they either lack the skills to repair the vehicles or cannot afford the necessary diagnostic machinery, said Rick Nelson, an analyst for research firm Stephens.

"Dealers are also getting more aggressive on pricing, such as oil changes," Nelson said. "They also throw in loaner cars of the quality that customers expect." "Prior to 2006, customers visited an average of 4.1 dealerships before purchasing a vehicle," said Craig Monaghan, president and chief executive officer of Duluth, Ga.-based Asbury Automotive Group, the nation's fifth largest public car dealership franchise. "Now, customers only visit an aver-

age of 1.3 dealerships prior to purchasing a vehicle," he said. "The reduction in dealership visits makes it more important than ever to meet the consumer's needs and expectations well in advance of them visiting our stores."

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## Rabbis accused in plot to force men to grant divorces

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The two rabbis offered an unusual service to Jewish women who could not get their husbands to agree to a divorce, according to the FBI. For a fee, they would convene a rabbinical court and authorize the use of violence to get the recalcitrant husband to agree to a divorce, the FBI said.

But that was not all, according to court papers unsealed Thursday. They would also employ hired muscle, two men known as Ariel and Yaakov, to actually kidnap the man and torture him, until he pledged to divorce his wife, according a criminal complaint in U.S. District Court in Newark, N.J.

Two men whom the authorities describe as rabbis - Martin Wolmark and

Mendel Epstein - as well as a third man, Ariel Potash, have been charged ac-

cording to court papers. In connection to the case, FBI agents carried out raids in

South Brooklyn and Monsey, N.Y., on Wednesday evening.

In some Orthodox Jewish communities, a divorce is granted only once a husband provides his wife with a document known as a get. And stories of the frustrations and obstacles that women face in their quest to obtain a get are commonplace. While a woman can sue in rabbinical court to try to secure a get, some husbands do not comply with the court's edict.

That, according to the FBI, is where the rabbis came in. "You need special rabbis who are going to take this thing and see it through to the end," Wolmark said in a recorded telephone conversation with an undercover FBI agent posing as a woman whose husband would not grant her a get.

During the telephone conversation, on Aug. 7, Wolmark referred the undercover agent to Epstein, whom he described as "a hired hand" who could help. The fee was high, according to the court papers: \$10,000 to pay the rabbinical court to approve the kidnapping and an additional \$50,000 or more to actually carry out the kidnapping.

In a subsequent meeting at Epstein's home in Ocean County, N.J., Epstein explained what he planned to do.

"Basically what we are going to be doing is kidnapping a guy for a couple of hours and beating him up and torturing him and then getting him to give the get," according to a recorded conversation that is described in the criminal complaint. □



**Federal Bureau of Investigation agents raid a home early Thursday morning in New York, Oct. 10, 2013. Two men described as rabbis have been arrested for allegedly offering to use violence, for a fee, to force recalcitrant Jewish husbands to agree to a divorce, according to authorities.**

(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

## US ecoterrorism suspect Rubin pleads guilty

**NIGEL DUARA**  
Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)** — A woman accused of taking part in eco-terrorist fire-bombings pleaded guilty Thursday to arson and conspiracy charges in federal court.

Rebecca Rubin's plea was the latest admission of wrongdoing by members of "The Family" in a series of arsons across three U.S. Western states from 1996 to 2001 that did \$40 million in damage.

Now a decade removed from her membership in the eco-terrorism group, the 40-year-old Canadian citizen consented to serve at least five years in prison.

She will be sentenced on Jan. 27.

Ten people pleaded guilty in 2007 to conspiracy and arson charges and were sentenced to prison. Two others indicted in the case remain at large.

Her attorney, Richard Troberman, described her seven years on the run as "a prison without walls."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Peifer laid out the factual basis for the charges against her, beginning with the freeing of wild horses from a federal horse-slaughter facility in Oregon in 1997. Other members of the group planted incendiary devices — the indictment doesn't specify the

type of devices — that razed the facility.

He then described a December 1998 incident, when Rubin helped ferry equipment for an attempted arson at a U.S. Forest Industries building in Oregon, and later that year, helped prepare for an arson at a Colorado ski resort. Neither attempt worked, but both buildings were later burned in separate environmentally-motivated fires.

In the final act for which she's charged, Rubin freed horses at a federal wild horse facility in California before other members of the group set a barn on fire.

Rubin is not specifically

charged with terrorism, but the indictment alleges that she and other members of "The Family" tried to influence businesses and the government and tried to retaliate against the government.

The terrorism allegation serves as a potential enhancement to her sentence, something her attorney calls "grossly unfair." Troberman said Thursday that Rubin tried to surrender in 2009, but California authorities at first pushed for a 30-year sentence, one she found too long. But by 2012, when Troberman checked again, he said he found prosecutors amenable to a deal. □



# Freeze of aid whips up anti-US sentiment in Egypt

HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Washington's decision to withhold millions of dollars in mostly military aid to Egypt is fueling anti-U.S. sentiment and the perception that Washington supports Mohammed Morsi, the Islamist president the military ousted in a July coup. That could boost the pop-

curity forces that has left hundreds dead, have kept the new government from tackling Egypt's pressing problems after 2 ½ years of turmoil.

Still, Egypt's military-backed government is unlikely to abandon the road map it announced when Morsi was removed in a July 3 coup — to amend the nation's Islamist-tilted

U.S. influence in the Nile River Valley." Warnings that Washington might cut off aid were met with a defiant response in the Egyptian media.

"Let American aid go to hell," screamed the banner headline of Thursday's edition of Al-Tahrir, an independent daily that is a sworn critic of the Brotherhood and the United

crackdown on his Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist allies. Washington said the aid would be restored if "credible progress" was made toward setting up an inclusive, democratically elected government. In its announcement Wednesday, the U.S. State

Department did not provide a dollar amount of what was being withheld, most of it linked to military aid, but officials in Washington said it included 10 Apache helicopters at a cost of more than \$500 million, M1A1 tank kits and Harpoon anti-ship missiles. □



In this file photo, U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, second left, stands with an Egyptian army official before laying a wreath at the tomb of late President Anwar al-Sadat in Cairo. Washington's decision to withhold millions of dollars in mostly military aid to Egypt fuels anti-U.S. sentiment in the most populous Arab nation along with the perception that Washington supports Morsi, the Islamist president the military ousted in a July coup.

(AP Photo/Jim Watson)

ularity of the military chief, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, whom the U.S. is trying to pressure to ensure a transition to democracy and ease the fierce crackdown on Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood. The aid freeze could also embolden Morsi's supporters to intensify their campaign of street protests in the belief that the military-backed government is losing the goodwill of its top foreign backer. The protests, met by a fierce response by se-

constitution and put the changes to a nationwide vote before the end of the year, and hold parliamentary and presidential ballots in early 2014.

"Egypt is not so desperate that it needs to compromise on its political agenda," the U.S.-based global intelligence firm, Stratfor, wrote this week.

"The United States will be the one to eventually readjust to the old reality of backing unpopular regimes that can preserve

States. Egyptian newspapers and television have for weeks taken a deeply hostile line toward the United States, portraying Washington as unhappy to see Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood lose power and lambasting it for allegedly meddling in Cairo's affairs. The U.S. announced it was freezing hundreds of millions of dollars in aid, most of it meant for the armed forces, as a show of displeasure over Morsi's ouster and the subsequent

## Rebels in Iran kill 5 Revolutionary Guards

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — An Iranian semi-official news agency is reporting an armed group has killed five members of the elite Revolutionary Guards in a Kurdish area near the Iraqi border.

The Thursday report by Fars quotes an unnamed of-

ficial as saying two other members of the Guards were wounded in the mid-day clash with

"counterrevolutionary armed guerillas" near the Kurdish town of Baneh, some 305 miles (488 km) west of Tehran.

The report did not name

any group but the area is scene of occasional clashes between government forces and rebels.

This was the most serious incident between the two sides since April 2012, when four troops from the Guards were killed in clashes with rebels in the Kurdish area. □

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## Libyan prime minister briefly abducted by militias

**ESAM MOHAMMED MAGGIE MICHAEL**  
Associated Press

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — The abduction was brief but still audacious: Gunmen from one of Libya's many militias stormed a hotel where the prime minister has a residence and held him for several hours Thursday — apparently in retaliation for his government's alleged collusion with the U.S. in a raid last weekend that captured an al-Qaida suspect. The brazen seizure of Prime Minister Ali Zidan heightened the alarm over the power of unruly militias that virtually hold the weak central government hostage. Many of the militias include Islamic militants and have ideologies similar to al-Qaida's. The armed bands regularly use violence to intimidate officials to sway policies, gunning down security officials and kidnapping their relatives. At the same time, the state relies on militias to act as security forces, since the police and military remain in disarray after dictator Moammar Gadhafi was overthrown and killed in 2011. The militias are rooted in the brigades that fought in the uprising and are often referred to as "revolutionaries."

Many militias are paid by the Defense or Interior ministries — which are in charge of the military and police respectively — although the ministries are still unable to control them. Not only was Zidan abducted by militiamen who officially work in a state body, it took other militias to rescue him by storming the site where he was held in the capital.

"The abduction is like the shock that awakened Libyans. Facts on the ground now are clearer than never before: Libya is ruled by

militias," said prominent rights campaigner Hassan al-Amin. Zidan's abduction came before dawn Thursday, when about 150 gunmen in pickup trucks stormed the luxury Corinthia Hotel in downtown Tripoli, witnesses told The Associated Press. They swarmed into the lobby and some charged up to Zidan's residence on the 21st floor.

being held, exchanged fire with the captors, and rescued him.

"He is now safe in a safe place," said Haitham al-Tajouri, commander of the Reinforcement Force, in an interview with Al-Ahrar TV. Zidan later appeared at a Cabinet session that was broadcast live. He thanked those who helped free him but gave no details and avoided blaming those

tion was not immediately known, but it came after many militias and Islamic militants expressed outrage over the U.S. Delta Force raid Saturday that seized al-Qaida suspect Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, known by his alias Abu Anas al-Libi, from the street outside his home in Tripoli. Al-Libi is alleged to be a senior al-Qaida member and is wanted by the



**Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan, left, gives a press conference after being rescued from gunmen who snatched him from his hotel early Thursday and held him for several hours, in Tripoli Libya, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. (AP Photo)**

The gunmen scuffled with Zidan's guards before they seized him and led him out at around 5:15 a.m., said the witnesses, speaking on condition of anonymity because they feared for their own safety. They said Zidan offered no resistance. In the afternoon, government spokesman Mohamed Kaabar told the LANA news agency that Zidan had been "set free."

A militia commander affiliated with the Interior Ministry said his fighters, along with armed groups from two Tripoli districts, Souq Jomaa and Tajoura, stormed the house where Zidan was

behind the abduction. "We hope this matter will be treated with wisdom and rationality, far from tension," he said. "There are many things that need dealing with."

The abduction was carried out by two state-affiliated militia groups, the Revolutionaries Operation Room and the Anti-Crime Department. They put out statements saying they had "arrested" Zidan on accusations of harming state security and corruption. The public prosecutor's office said it had issued no such warrant.

The motive for the abduc-

U.S. in connection with the 1998 bombings of its embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, with a \$5 million bounty on his head. U.S. officials say he is now being held on an U.S. warship.

Several militia groups angrily accused Zidan's government of colluding with the U.S. in the operation and allowing foreigners to seize a Libyan on its own soil.

The Libyan government said the al-Libi raid was carried out without its knowledge. But its response has been mild. It asked Washington for "clarifications" about the raid. □

## North Korean leader tightens grip in removal of top general

**CHOE SANG-HUN**  
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**SEOUL, South Korea** — North Korea's state news media on Thursday confirmed the removal of a hard-line general as its military chief, the latest sign of a military overhaul in which the country's supreme leader, Kim Jong Un, has replaced nearly half of his country's top officials in the past two years, according to South Korean officials. The firing of Gen. Kim Kyok Sik and the rise of Gen. Ri Yong Gil to replace him as head of the general staff of the North's Korean People's Army was the latest in a series of high-profile reshuffles that Kim Jong Un has engineered to consolidate his grip on the North's top elites. Since taking power upon the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, in late 2011, Kim Jong Un has replaced 44 percent of North Korea's 218 top military, party and government officials, the South's Ministry of Unification said in a report. He engineered this and other reshuffles to retire or sideline the old generals from his father's days and promote a new set of aides who will owe their loyalty directly to him. Kim Kyok Sik, 74, had been one of the oldest aides of Kim Jong Il still holding a top job even after Kim Jong Un promoted younger generals. South Korean officials believed that Kim Kyok Sik commanded units responsible for sinking one of South Korea's warships and shell- ing a South Korean border island in 2010, attacks that killed 50 South Koreans. But his name disappeared from the North's state news media after the Central Military Commission of the ruling Workers' Party met in August to discuss personnel matters. □





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## Dutch firm wins \$30M contract to move Concordia



A small boat navigates past the damaged side of the Costa Concordia ship after it was pulled upright, on the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy. The wreck of the Costa Concordia will be lifted onto a transport ship next summer and taken away and dismantled by Dutch company Royal Boskalis NV, the company said Thursday.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — The Concordia cruise ship will be lifted onto a specialized transport ship next summer, taken away and dismantled.

tled, the Dutch company doing the job said Thursday. Salvaging firm Royal Boskalis NV said it has been awarded a \$30 million (22 million euro) contract by Costa owner Carnival Corporation. Boskalis will use the "Dockwise Vanguard" — a ship developed for moving oil platforms — to carry out the operation. Thirty-two people died when the Concordia slammed into a reef off the Tuscan island of Giglio and capsized on Jan. 13, 2012. It was righted in a major operation last month and is now sitting on a platform on the seabed. Boskalis says the Vanguard is the world's largest semi-submersible ship. It is designed with a flat front and

back and a deck of 275 meters by 70 meters (900 feet by 230 feet) that can carry "extremely heavy" loads. It operates by filling ballast tanks with water so it sinks below water level. Once the transport ship is "is semi-submersed, the floating Concordia will be brought in position above the deck," Boskalis said. "As the ballast tanks are emptied, the entire ship including the Concordia is brought above the water line and it can then be transported quickly." The company is still talking with Carnival and Italian authorities about whether the Concordia will be brought to a location inside or outside Italy to be broken up for scrap. □



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## Mexico: Bloomberg caught up in soda tax fight

**MARK STEVENSON**  
**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's name has been drawn into the debate over a proposed 8-cent (1 peso) per liter tax on soft drinks to fund weight-control efforts in Mexico, which now has higher obesity rates than the United States.

President Enrique Peña Nieto's proposal to raise \$950 million from the soda tax has drawn the beverage industry's wrath in the country with the world's highest yearly soda consumption; the average Mexican consumes 163 liters (43 gallons) of soft drinks annually.

Soft-drink bottlers, retailers and sugar growers have purchased full-page ads and broadcast media spots opposing the measure. The government wants to use tax income to install water drinking fountains in schools, most of which don't have them. Some ads target Bloomberg, who unsuccessfully backed a state tax on soft drinks, then a ban on large sodas in New York City. Bloomberg's charity has contributed to Mexican pro-tax groups.

"No to the Bloomberg Tax," read the large type of several ads published in Mexico in recent days.

"Bloomberg ... has the right to be crazy, but he doesn't have the right to come here and impose his craziness on us," said Cuauhtemoc Rivera, leader of Mexico's National Association of Small Stores, a little-known business chamber that bought full-page ads in Mexico's main newspapers for several days running. Rivera acknowledges

group would not say how much, if any, of the money went for ads in Mexico.

The anti-tax side, though, has taken out far more ads than pro-tax advocates.

The beverage industry is among the biggest retail money-makers and ad buyers in the country. Rivera estimated that soft drink sales account for 40 percent of income at small



**A street seller arranges soft drinks in Mexico City. Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto has proposed to raise millions from a soda tax, prompting the beverage industry in Oct. 2013 to purchase full-page ads and broadcast media spots opposing the measure.**

**(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)**

that big soft drink bottlers and sugar growers have contributed to the anti-tax ad campaigns. "Between us all we are financing this campaign," Rivera said.

Bloomberg Philanthropies says it has donated \$10 million in an effort with "top research and advocacy organizations" to support goals such as "raising taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages." But Bloomberg's

Mexican stores. Mexico's largest soft-drink bottler, Coca Cola-Femsa, says it hasn't purchased any ads in its own name. But Coca Cola-Femsa spokeswoman Guadalupe Gonzalez said in an email that Mexico's National Soft Drink and Bottled Water Producers' Association, to which the company belongs, has run ads, along with cane growers and retailers. □

## Police: sex offender located in US

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)**

— Canadian police said Thursday a violent, high-risk sex offender who has been missing for more than a week has been located in the United States, but he can't be arrested because he's not wanted on any charges in the U.S.

Edmonton Det. Chris Hayduk said U.S. border officials were warned that Michael Sean Stanley might try to cross into their country, but Stanley still managed to make it through at Blaine, Washington, south of Vancouver, on Monday night. "We have no authority to go get him," Hayduk said. "We are investigating his crossing, taking a look at

the details of his crossing, into the United States ... For us, it would have been the best outcome to have caught him prior to that, so for him to be in the States is a concern that those agencies are going to follow up for sure."

The Canada Border Services Agency referred calls on the matter to U.S. officials. The Washington-based spokesman for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was not returning phone messages because of the federal government shutdown and an email seeking comment wasn't immediately answered.

Stanley has a long history of sexual offences against

women and children and has been missing since Oct. 1 when the electronic monitoring bracelet he was wearing was cut off and found in Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary.

Last week, schools in several west-central Saskatchewan communities locked their doors and kept children inside after police got multiple, unconfirmed sightings of the Edmonton man. He's wanted in Canada on charges of breach of recognizance and mischief and driving offences, but he isn't wanted in the United States, so Hayduk said police have no authority to arrest him. □

## Some at Guantanamo jail too sick to keep locked up: report

**BEN FOX**  
**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Tarek El-Sawah is in terrible shape after 11 years as a prisoner at Guantanamo Bay, a fact even the U.S. military does not dispute.

During his time in captivity, the weight of the 55-year-old Egyptian has nearly doubled, reaching more than 420 pounds at one point, and his health has deteriorated as a result, both his lawyers and government officials concede.

Lawyers for El-Sawah, and the doctors they have brought down to the U.S. base in Cuba to examine him, paint a dire picture — a morbidly obese man with diabetes and a range of other serious ailments. He is short of breath, barely able to walk 10 feet, unable to stay awake in meetings and faces the possibility of not making it out of prison alive.

"We are very afraid that he is at a high risk of death, that he could die at any moment," said Marine Lt. Col. Sean Gleason, a military lawyer appointed to represent him.

Details about the condition of El-Sawah, who has admitted being an al-Qaida explosives trainer but is no longer facing charges, are emerging in a series of recently filed court motions that provide a rare glimpse into the health of an unusual prisoner, and a preview of arguments that may become more common as the Guantanamo Bay prison ages into a second decade with no prospects for closure in sight.

He's not the only one of the 164 prisoners at Guantanamo who is seriously ill. Last week, a judge ordered the release of a schizophrenic Sudanese man who spent much of the past decade medicated in the prison psych ward. His lawyers argued he was so sick, with ailments that also included diabetes, that he couldn't possibly pose a threat and therefore the U.S. no longer had the authority to hold him. The judge's ruling came after the government withdrew its opposition to his release. There's also a Pakistani prisoner, Saifullah Paracha, with a heart condition serious enough that the government brought a surgical team and a mobile cardiac lab to the U.S. base in Cuba to treat him, at a cost of \$400,000. He ultimately refused the treatment because he didn't trust military medical personnel.

In addition, two prisoners have died from natural causes — one from a heart attack, the other from cancer. And several detainees have raised medical complaints related to their participation in a long-running hunger strike, which had dropped to 17 prisoners as of Monday from a peak of 106 in July.

"There are a whole slew of people with a whole slew of serious health problems," said Cori Crider, a lawyer for the British human rights group Reprieve who has been meeting with Guantanamo prisoners for years.

U.S. officials say Guantanamo prisoners get excellent medical care, saying proudly that it's equivalent to what troops receive. There are more than 100 doctors, nurses and other professionals treating "a constellation" of illnesses, said Navy Capt. Daryl Daniels, a physician and the chief medical officer for the detention center. He says no one is in critical condition at the moment. "They are an aging population and they are starting to show some signs of being an older group of people," Daniels said. In August, lawyers for El-Sawah filed an emergency motion with a federal court in Washington asking a judge to order the military to provide what it calls "adequate" medical care, including additional tests for possible heart disease and a device to help him breathe because of a condition they say is preventing his brain from receiving enough oxygen. □





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**PALM BEACH** - A charming dog show took place recently at Villa Floralina in Moko, showcasing Street-Weilers and West-Pointers, the adorable mutts, the island's mixed breed canines, better known as Cu-nucu dogs.

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The Show 'di Cacho Criollo' was very well attended and the winners received oversized baskets with Purina Dog Food products and



medals.

The Aruba Animal Shelter thanked all those who participated in the show as well as all the spectators

treatment they need. The Aruba Animal Shelter also talks to the people who bring in animals they don't want anymore, suggesting



who came out to support the event.

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**PALM BEACH** - A recent press conference revealed that ArubaSalsa will be celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the second anniversary of Club Hipsz with an open air concert, at the Eagle Bowling and Club Hipsz parking lot, renamed the Hipsz Arena, for the day. The concert will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup> and will feature a fifteen-piece Venezuelan salsa band, popular on the island for their catchy "Persona Ideal," "Arrepentida," and "Me Nego" hits. The concert will start at 8pm with the world debut of 'N FuZion a new local band under the musical leadership of heartthrob Ofo Escudero, who will be introducing his new thirteen-piece orchestra, for

the first time that night. The press conference hosted by Reggie Bermudez and Sabine van Leuken, co-founders of ArubaSalsa and Club Hipsz revealed very reasonable ticket prices as a token of appreciation for the Aruban public who has supported the dance school and the club since opening day. Tickets for the Los Adolescentes concert, with 'N FuZion, Perfect Sound and Delicious, on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2013, on the parking lot of Eagle Bowling, adjacent to Club Hipsz are \$20 on presale. They are available at Valero Palm Beach, Valero Boulevard, Gallo Rojo in San Nicholas, Espiga de Oro, in Paradera, Dragon CD and Club Hipsz. For VIP tables call 594-7008. □

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## MLB Roundup

# Cardinals beat Pirates 6-1 to win NLDS

**R.B. FALLSTROM**  
AP Sports Writer

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — St. Louis advanced to the National League Championship Series by beating Pittsburgh 6-1 in their winner-take-all game on Wednesday, clinching the NL Division Series 3-2.

Cardinals' pitcher Adam Wainwright pitched a complete game in his second dominant win of the series, while David Freese and Matt Adams both hit two-run homers for the hosts.

"I wanted it bad. It's probably the most nervous I've ever been," Wainwright said.

"I don't get a whole lot of nerves when I pitch. Before I pitched today, I was pretty nervous."

St. Louis will be at home to open the NLCS against the well-rested Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday.

The last three seasons, the Cardinals are 8-1 when facing elimination.



St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright celebrates after striking out Pittsburgh Pirates' Pedro Alvarez for the final out of Game 5 of a National League baseball division series, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 6-1, and advanced to the NL championship series against the Los Angeles Dodgers. **Associated Press**

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In this April 6, 2013 file photo, Nebraska's Taylor Martinez (3) guides Jack Hoffman, then 6, of Atkinson, Neb., down the field for his touchdown play during a special segment dedicated to Hoffman during the second half of the Red-White spring NCAA college football game at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Ne. **Associated Press**

## Nebraska team to be honored for boy's TD run

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — A young boy with cancer whose touchdown run at the Nebraska spring football game touched millions of Internet viewers will be in St. Louis next month to present a sportsmanship award to the Cornhuskers football program.

The Musial Awards will be presented Nov. 9 at Peabody Opera House. The awards, named after St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Famer Stan Musial, recognize sportsmanship moments and achievements from across the country. The awards, announced Thursday, are produced by the St. Louis Sports Commission

and the National Sportsman's Foundation.

Eight-year-old Jack Hoffman's 69-yard TD sprint during an April intrasquad game has drawn more than 8 million views on YouTube. Jack has brain cancer that his father says now is in remission.

Other award recipients:

—Casey Mack, a high school baseball player in Trumbull, Conn., who purchased bats for three opposing teams after learning of their budget restraints. Only the opposing coaches knew of the generosity until the story went public.

—Ethan McConnell, an Oregon high school bas-

ketball player who, in the waning seconds of a game, passed to opponent Davan Overton. Overton made a 3-point shot. Overton has Dandy-Walker Syndrome, which limits his ability to play sports.

—Basketball coach Kirsten Moore and Westmont College of Santa Barbara, Calif. Moore's husband died unexpectedly in 2012, and she gave birth to the couple's first child seven weeks later. Despite her loss, Moore guided Westmont to its first NAIA championship this spring.

—The Fraser Valley Fusion softball team in British Columbia. When an oppo-

nent hit a game-winning home run but injured her knee, Fusion players carried her around the bases. —Two St. Louis-area recipients, Bri Ebenroth and Steve Bonastia.

Ebenroth returned a soccer scholarship to Drury University after learning she had a physical condition that limited her ability to compete. Bonastia, softball coach at Seckman High School in Imperial, Mo., corrected an umpire after a two-run homer by an opponent was incorrectly ruled a ground-rule double, even though the runs broke a tie game in the late innings. □



## NHL Roundup

# Blues leave it late to beat Blackhawks

**The Associated Press**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — St. Louis' Alexander Steen netted a slap shot with 21.1 seconds remaining to give the Blues a 3-2 win over Chicago on Wednesday.

In the day's other games, Los Angeles edged Ottawa in overtime, and Calgary had a narrow victory over Montreal.

St. Louis' Steen broke down the left side as part of a 3-on-1 rush. He kept the puck and let go a drive from just inside the circle that trickled past goalie Corey Crawford.

Vladimir Tarasenko and David Backes also scored for St. Louis, who have won their opening three games of the season to match the efforts of 1969-70 and 1993-94.

Patrick Kane scored for the third straight game for the Blackhawks, and Jonathan Toews had the other Chicago goal.

Los Angeles 4, Ottawa 3  
Los Angeles' Jeff Carter scored his second power-play goal by deflecting in Mike Richards' shot 28 sec-

onds into overtime, giving the Kings a 4-3 win over Ottawa.

Los Angeles had led 3-0 but the Senators rallied to force overtime and collect a point.

Dustin Brown scored twice during the Kings' three-goal first period, and Carter had three points in Los Angeles' sixth straight home victory over Ottawa.

Calgary 3, Montreal 2  
Milan Michalek scored the tying goal with 4:27 left in regulation for the Senators. Jean-Gabriel Pageau netted his third career goal in the second period, and Bobby Ryan scored his first goal with Ottawa early in the third.

Calgary's rookie forward Sean Monahan had a goal and an assist to lead the Flames to a 3-2 win over Montreal.

Sven Baertschi and Curtis Glencross also scored for Calgary.

P.K. Subban had a goal and an assist for the Canadiens, while Lars Eller recorded his fourth goal and sixth point of the season. □



Ottawa Senators left wing Cory Conacher, center, attempts to steal the puck from Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick, right, with Kings defenseman Drew Doughty, left, defending during the third period of their NHL hockey game, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in Los Angeles. Kings won the game 4-3 in overtime.  
Associated Press

## MLS Roundup

# San Jose, Vancouver close in on MLS playoffs

**The Associated Press**

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.-nia (AP)** — San Jose and Vancouver moved to the fringes of the MLS Western Conference playoff places with victories on Wednesday.

San Jose won 1-0 at home against Colorado, closing the gap between the two teams to one point, with the Rapids currently holding the fifth and final playoff berth.

Vancouver won 4-1 at Seattle — thanks to a Kekuta Manneh hat trick — to remain two points behind San Jose.

Meanwhile in the Eastern Conference, Houston was held to a 0-0 home draw by Sporting Kansas City, keeping the third-placed Dynamo four points behind second-placed Sporting.

San Jose's winner came in the 69th minute from striker Chris Wondolowski, who had been denied several times by saves. The reigning league MVP broke through with a powerful header from a Shea



Vancouver Whitecaps' Kekuta Manneh, right, bows to the turf after he scored a goal in the first half of an MLS soccer match against the Seattle Sounders, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in Seattle  
Associated Press

Salinas corner, netting his tenth goal of the season. Vancouver kept a pulse in its playoff hopes with an impressive victory at high-flying Seattle. Manneh took advantage of some poor defending and scored in the 12th, 42nd and 54th minutes, notching the Whitecaps' first hat trick since entering the MLS in 2011.

The loss was Seattle's first at home since dropping the season opener to Montreal back in March and could be a significant blow to the Sounders'

chances of winning the Supporters' Shield for most regular-season points in the league.

It also prevented Seattle clinching the Cascadia Cup for the regional rivalry between the Sounders, Whitecaps and Portland Timbers.

Seattle must win Sunday at Portland to claim regional bragging rights, otherwise it'll go to Vancouver.

The scoreless draw between Houston and Sporting Kansas City extended the Dynamo's unbeaten streak to five games. □

# U.S. soccer star Wambach marries female partner

**The Associated Press**

U.S. soccer star Abby Wambach has married her longtime partner and teammate Sarah Huffman. The two married on Saturday on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. In a post Wednesday on Twitter, Wambach said, "Sarah and I wanted to thank everyone for all the love and support. We couldn't be happier. What an amazing week it's been. #honeymoon"

TMZ first reported the

wedding, and said U.S. teammates Alex Morgan and Sydney Leroux were among the attendees.

Wambach and Huffman play for the Western New York Flash in the National Women's Soccer League. Wambach broke Mia Hamm's international scoring record this summer, and now has 161 goals in 208 games. Last summer she led the Americans to their third straight Olympic title. □





# First openly gay boxer fights for world title

**TIM DAHLBERG**

**AP Boxing Writer**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Orlando Cruz won the fight of his life when he came out last year as the first openly gay fighter in boxing.

Now he's in a fight of another kind, a championship battle on Saturday that is the biggest bout of his professional career.

"It's my dream and it's my time," Cruz said. "I've been waiting a long time to fight for the championship and I plan to make history."

Cruz takes on fellow veteran Orlando Salido in a fight for a piece of the featherweight title on the undercard of Timothy Bradley's fight with Juan Manuel Marquez. He'll do it wearing rainbow colors on his boxing trunks, his way of showing support for others in the gay and lesbian community.

"This is for all of them," Cruz said. "But this is for me, too. It's a beautiful opportunity for me, and it's my moment."

The trunks have caused some controversy in his native Puerto Rico because the design is a Puerto Rican flag with the rainbow colors in place of the usual colors. But Cruz said his intention was always to honor his country while also making a statement for



**In this Sept. 24, 2013 file photo, boxer Orlando Cruz, right, works out at Mendez Boxing Gym, in New York. Cruz won the big fight of his life outside the ring when he came out as the first openly gay boxer. Now he fights for a championship Saturday night, Oct. 12, in the biggest fight of his boxing career.**

**Associated Press**

gay rights.

"Some people are mad at me, but I don't care," he

said. "I respect the Puerto Rican flag. There were no bad intentions in the de-

sign of the trunks."

The fight is the first title bout for the 32-year-old Cruz, who fought on the Puerto Rican Olympic team in 2000 but has struggled at times as a pro. He lost two straight fights in 2009-10 as he struggled to keep his sexuality private, but says he's been a better and more focused fighter since coming out publicly a year ago.

That showed in his last two outings, both wins, that got him a spot against Salido for the vacant WBO version of the 126-pound (57-kilogram) crown. It's a fight that would draw little attention normally, but is more high profile because Cruz is the first active fighter to declare he is gay.

Cruz said the response to his announcement was mostly positive, with former Olympic teammate Miguel Cotto among those who declared his support for him. He said his mother, who will be ringside for the fight, has been his strongest supporter.

"My mom is my best friend, and the first person I talked to about my relationship," he said. "She cried, but said that I'm her son and she doesn't care about anything else."

Cruz is a left-hander who likes to use his movement in

the ring to frustrate opponents but has never shown great power. He's 20-2-1 with 10 knockouts but will be up against a Mexican with far more experience and two reigns as a champion. Salido said he has no problem with Cruz being gay and has respect for his decision to go public.

"I admire him for coming out. It's courageous," Salido said. "But I am not treating him any differently than any other opponent. When I see him I see a man standing between me and a third world title."

Cruz said earlier he was dedicating the fight to the memory of Emile Griffith, the former welterweight and middleweight champion who died in July. Griffith in his later years described himself at various times as straight, gay and bisexual, but never fought as an openly gay man.

While the chance at a first title is huge for Cruz, he's got another big occasion coming up, too. Cruz is engaged to boyfriend Jose Manuel, and said last month the two are planning a November wedding. "I'm not talking about that now because I'm focused on the fight," he said. "Later there will be time to talk about my personal life more." □



**Jeff Overton tees off on the 14th hole during the first round of the Frys.com Open golf tournament at the CordeValle golf course in San Martin, Calif., on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**SAN MARTIN, California (AP)** — Coming off his worst year, Jeff Overton opened

the new U.S. PGA Tour season on a good note.

Once he finally made a putt in the Frys.com Open on Thursday, Overton felt

## Overton off to a strong start to new season

as if he couldn't miss. Over the last 11 holes at CordeValle, he made three birdie putts over 25 feet and a 20-foot eagle putt when his gamble paid off on the par-5 ninth.

He finished with a tap-in birdie on the 18th for a 7-under 64 and a two-shot lead over the early starters. "It would be great if we can continue this thing and keep it rolling," Overton said.

Kyle Stanley had a 66. Michael Putnam, who won the Web.com Tour money

title last season to earn full status, was among those at 67. John Peterson was challenging for the lead until finishing with two bogeys for a 68.

The tour is starting in October instead of January for the first time.

Overton, who remains the only American to play in the Ryder Cup without ever having won on the tour, had a year in which just about everything went wrong. He didn't play in any of the majors for the first time since 2007. He was

disqualified from Colonial when he thought he could use a training aid to practice putting when there was a delay at the turn. He opened with a 69 in the John Deere Classic and had to withdraw when he felt shooting pain in his right wrist. And he was the alternate who didn't get in the U.S. PGA Championship, leading to a series of angry tweets toward the PGA of America for not giving him an exemption to a guy who played in the Ryder Cup at Wales three years earlier. □



# NLDS

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They also won Game 5 of the NL division series at Washington last year and at Philadelphia in 2011.

Freese homered in the second inning off rookie Gerrit Cole and Adams connected in the eighth against reliever Mark Melancon to make it 5-1. Pete Kozma added an RBI infield single, and Wainwright finished it off by striking out Pedro Alvarez with two runners on base.

Alvarez became the first player to get an RBI in each of his first six postseason games, with a fluke hit that rebounded off first base in the seventh. But the Pirates were held to one run in each of the final two games in their first play-



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Adams hits a two-run home run against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the bottom of the eighth inning in Game 5 of a National League baseball division series, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in St. Louis.

off series in 21 years. They haven't won a postseason series since the 1979 World Series.

"We were able to take a huge step forward this year in restoring the pride and the passion of the Pittsburgh Pirates' organization," manager Clint Hur-

dle said, "and rebounding our city with a ball team." Cole beat the Cardinals with an impressive effort in Game 2, but they got to him early this time.

Freese made him pay for a full-count walk to Jon Jay with two outs in the second, lining a pitch into the

visitors' bullpen beyond left field. The Pirates had relief pitchers warming up in the fourth after Yadier Molina's infield hit and a throwing error put runners on second and third. Cole gave up just three hits over five innings, but was taken out of the game in the sixth.

Freese struggled this season to overcome a back injury in spring training and had nine homers and 60 RBIs. But just like teammate Carlos Beltran, he's an October star with seven homers, 29 RBIs and a .325

average in 36 career postseason games.

Adams, whose power hitting helped the Cardinals overcome an injury to power hitter Allen Craig in early September, hammered a first-pitch fastball from Melancon well over the right-field wall for his first RBIs of the series.

The Pirates scratched out their lone run on two infield hits and the single by Alvarez that looked to be a harmless inning-ending groundout before it hit the bag. □

## Rockets beat Pacers 116-96 in 1st game in Manila

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — James Harden scored 21 points Thursday to lead the Houston Rockets to a 116-96 win over the Indiana Pacers in the first NBA preseason game in the Philippines.

Omri Casspi added 17 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Houston, while Paul George led the Pacers with 17 points. Dwight Howard was held to nine points in his second game for the Rockets after struggling with foul trouble, and had four turnovers.

Houston coach Kevin McHale started Patrick Beverly at point guard and

Terrence Jones at power forward instead of Jeremy Lin and Donatas Motiejunas, who started in the first preseason game.

"I told them I will change starting lineups every game to see what happens. They're aware of it," McHale said. "On this game, I saw D-Mo (Motiejunas) having a great synergy with Omri Casspi and the bench was just energized."

For Indiana coach Frank Vogel, the Rockets just showed up more ready to play. "It's simple: the Rockets played better than us," he said.

NBA Commissioner David Stern said that basketball-obsessed Philippines was an ideal host for NBA preseason games, and the league could go to other Southeast Asian countries in the future.

He said that Filipinos were "rabid fans in a wonderful way." "The NBA is always trying to find ways to take advantage of opportunities particularly in Southeast Asia, and the Philippines lead the way," Stern said. "But we're beginning to see activity around like Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore."

The teams will play each other again on Sunday in Taiwan, the ancestral home of Rockets guard Lin. □



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## Federer ousted by Monfils in Shanghai Masters

**JUSTIN BERGMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Roger Federer's chances of qualifying for the ATP Tour Finals took a hit Thursday when he lost in three sets to Gael Monfils at the Shanghai Masters, the latest early-round loss for the 17-time Grand Slam champion.

Monfils beat the former No. 1-ranked Federer 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3 in the third round, extending the Swiss star's recent slide.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic and top-ranked Rafael Nadal, meanwhile, moved into the quarterfinals with straight-set wins.

Djokovic beat Italy's Fabio Fognini 6-3, 6-3, while Nadal rallied from 5-2 down in the second-set tiebreaker to down Argentina's Carlos Berlocq 6-1, 7-6 (5).

Two of the tournament's other top seeded players were ousted: No. 3 David Ferrer lost to Florian Mayer 6-4, 6-3, and No. 4 Tomas Berdych was ousted by Nicolas Almagro 6-7 (6), 6-3, 7-6 (4). Federer, who has slipped to No. 7 in the rankings, was playing for the first time since losing in the fourth round of the U.S. Open. He was in need of a strong showing in Shanghai to secure a berth in the elite season-ending ATP Tour Finals in London — a tournament he played every year since 2002.

Federer is currently seventh in the standings, with only a slight lead over several other players vying to get into the eight-man field in London. He plans to play in Basel and Paris in hopes of making it into the Nov. 4-11 tournament. Federer fell to a player ranked outside the top 40

for the fourth time in his last six matches. He came into the match with a 6-1 record against Monfils, who returned to the tour recently after an injury layoff.

Federer remained upbeat despite the loss — and his subsequent defeat in doubles with Chinese partner Zhang Ze. He said the most important thing was not to worry about every setback.

"It's pretty simple: You just keep on working hard, make sure that you get back on winning ways, then you become confident again, sort of get there," Federer said.

"Monfils is a quality player, like some others," he said. "I lost some other matches this year because I couldn't really perform at 100 percent. Probably shouldn't have played. But I don't really care having to explain some losses from time to time."

As has been his problem in recent months, Federer struggled to find consistency, hitting 36 unforced errors, with many coming at critical points in the match. Still, he looked to have a chance to pull it out after fighting back from a break down in the second set.

On Monfils' serve in the next game, Federer hit an overhead smash to get a break point and then converted with a deeply angled crosscourt winner, pumping his fist as the decidedly pro-Federer crowd roared.

But Federer was broken again early in the third set and couldn't muster another comeback. He had two more break chances in the seventh game, but couldn't convert either, even with Monfils looking spent, bending over



Switzerland's Roger Federer pauses during a match against France's Gael Monfils at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at the Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. Monfils won 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

to catch his breath after long rallies.

Monfils, who's now ranked 42nd but has been as high

as No. 7, said that even though Federer has not been as dominant as he used to be, with the likes

of Djokovic, Nadal and Andy Murray contending for the majors, he's still no pushover.

"A lot of people say, like, it's not the same Rog because he got two other great players with him, Novak and Rafa. A third one plays also very good, Andy," he said. "But when he's on the court, he's still Roger. He can rip it from anywhere. He can do stuff that not many player can do."

Monfils did notice, however, a slight dip in Federer's game.

"I think he miss a little bit more than he used to," he said. "I know he will try and go for his shot, but maybe he is a bit less confident."

Djokovic, who plays Monfils next, said although Federer's form has dropped this season, it would be a mistake to write him off.

"He's 17-time Grand Slam winner, one of the best players in the history of the game. If he says he's going to play better, work better, it's definitely worth listening if he says it that way," he said.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Juan Martin del Potro and Stanislas Wawrinka also advanced to the quarterfinals, strengthening their bids to qualify for the ATP Finals. Tsonga, one of several players chasing Federer, defeated Japan's Kei Nishikori, 7-6 (5), 6-0, and del Potro moved through when Tommy Haas withdrew before their match with a back injury. Wawrinka advanced with a 7-6 (2), 6-4 win over Canadian Milos Raonic, one of the hottest players coming into Shanghai, reaching back-to-back finals in Japan and Thailand and capturing one title. □



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## T-Mobile to eliminate international data fees

**ANICK JESDANUN**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — T-Mobile is eliminating fees for using data and texting services in more than 100 countries and capping charges for international voice calls. Starting Oct. 31, customers of T-Mobile's flagship Simple Choice plan won't have to worry about getting hit with so-called roaming fees if they fail to sign up for an international plan before they travel abroad. Those fees can reach hundreds or thousands of dollars for a trip, even to neighboring Canada or Mexico.

T-Mobile, the No. 4 U.S. cell-phone carrier, has been trying to differentiate itself from bigger rivals by shattering longstanding industry practices and calling itself the "Un-carrier."

The company began in March by dropping conventional two-year service contracts in favor of selling phones with installment plans. In July, it introduced a program that lets people upgrade phones more frequently — up to twice a year. AT&T, Verizon and Sprint have since followed with their own frequent-upgrade plans.

At the time of the phone-upgrade announcement, CEO John Legere said a third major change was coming — the one T-Mobile announced Wednesday.

In an interview, Legere said roaming fees are very profitable for the wireless industry, but T-Mobile hasn't benefitted much because it doesn't have many business customers who travel. With the new program,



**T-Mobile CEO John Legere speaks during news conference, Wednesday, July 10, 2013 in New York.**

**Associated Press**

Legere said, the company is hoping to gain subscribers without sacrificing much revenue.

But even if the company doesn't gain customers, Legere said T-Mobile won't be losing money in providing the service. That's because its existing agreements with wireless carriers around the world allow for more data use than T-Mobile's customers are using now.

In addition, T-Mobile will make some money from selling higher-speed roaming plans — \$15 for a day or \$25 for a week. The free plan will be good enough for email, social networking and other common tasks, but customers who like to watch high-definition video might want the upgrade, the company said.

There are signs that T-Mobile's previous changes have helped boost its standing. In the April-June quarter, T-Mobile gained long-term, good-credit customers for the first time in at least two and a half years.

T-Mobile US Inc. added a net 688,000 such customers in the quarter, compared with a loss of 557,000 in the same period a year earlier. Part of the boost came because the carrier began selling Apple's iPhone for the first time in April. But the iPhone accounted for only 26 percent of smartphone sales in the quarter, an indication that there was more behind the gain.

The new plan is likely to appeal to customers who travel frequently to any of the covered countries. Canada, Mexico and other major countries on every continent except Antarctica will be covered. In addition to free data and texting, customers will pay a flat rate of 20 cents per minute for voice calls while traveling in those countries. T-Mobile and other carriers now charge \$1 or more a minute in many countries. For an additional \$10 a month, customers will also get free calling from the U.S. to landlines in more than 70 countries. □



**In this March 15, 2013 file photo, a Facebook employee walks past a sign at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

## Facebook no longer lets users hide from search

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook is getting rid of a privacy feature that let users limit who can find them on the social network.

Facebook Inc. said Thursday that it is removing a setting that controls whether users could be found when people type their name into the website's search

bar. Facebook says only a single-digit percentage of the nearly 1.2 billion people on its network were using the setting. The change comes as Facebook is building out its search feature, which people often use to find people they know — or want to know — on the site. □

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# Wall Street exhales as threat of US default eases

Continued from front

"Congressmen and women are coming to terms with how calamitous it would be if the debt ceiling was not raised," said Joseph Tanious, Global Market Strategist for J.P. Morgan Asset Management. "Cooler heads are prevailing." The Dow jumped 323.09 points, or 2.2 percent, to close at 15,126.07. Stocks have steadily declined since mid-September as Washington's gridlock got investors worried that the U.S. could default on its debt and wreak havoc on global financial markets. While traders applauded the deal between the White House and Congress, more volatility could be ahead if a deal falls through. "We don't need some grand bargain, we just need to avoid a default," said Brian Reynolds of chief market strategist at Rosenblatt Securities. "Just

don't bring us to the edge again." The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 36.16 points, or 2.2 percent, to 1,692.56 and the Nasdaq composite rose 82.97 points, or 2.3 percent, to 3,760.75. Thursday's gains were extraordinarily broad. Of the 500 stocks in the S&P 500 index, only 11 fell. Banks and industrial stocks rose the most. A potential compromise between the two political parties could not come soon enough. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has said the government will hit its borrowing limit on Oct. 17. That would leave the U.S. with enough cash to last just a week or two before a default became a real risk. A short-term extension of the debt limit is "the right approach," said Jack Ablin, who manages \$66 billion as chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "It allows politicians to turn



Specialists Peter Kennedy and Michael Gagliano, foreground left and right, work at their posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. Stocks rose sharply in trading on Wall Street following hopeful signs that the budget impasse in DC would break.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

down the heat a bit while still keeping the broader issues on the front burner," Ablin said. In another bullish signal, small-company stocks rose even more

than the rest of the market. Those stocks tend to be riskier than large, well-established companies but can also offer investors greater rewards. A sharp

increase in small-company stocks means investors are more comfortable taking on risk. The Russell 2000 index jumped 26.04 points, or 2.5 percent, to 1,069.50. □

## US retailers report modest September sales gains

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AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Several U.S. retailers reported modest sales gains for September as shoppers who were worried about a partial

government shutdown and the overall economy pulled back their spending from the prior month. The results increase concerns about how shoppers will spend for the crucial

holiday season, the largest shopping selling period for retailers.

Revenue at stores opened at least a year — a measure of a retailer's health — rose 2.7 percent in September,

according to a preliminary tally of 9 retailers by the International Council of Shopping Centers. That was a slower pace than the 3.5 percent increase posted in August.

L Brands, the parent of Victoria's Secret, and Costco Wholesale Corp. were among the chains that reported results that missed Wall Street estimates, while Stein Mart Inc. posted results that beat analysts' expectations.

Only a sliver of retail chains report monthly sales figures, and the list doesn't include Wal-Mart Stores, Macy's Inc. and many other large chains. But it offers some clues into consumer spending heading into the holiday shopping season. L Brands, the parent of Victoria's Secret, reported that revenue at stores opened at least a year rose just 1 percent in September, below the 2 percent gain that analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected. Costco Wholesale Corp. reported Wednesday that revenue

at stores opened at least a year rose 3 percent, below the 3.7 percent gain that was anticipated by Wall Street.

September was a difficult month. Warmer-than-usual weather hurt sales of sweaters and other fall clothes. But economic concerns also dampened sales.

Shoppers worry that the partial government shutdown, which is on its tenth day and has forced about 800,000 federal workers off the job, will be prolonged. That, and the possibility that politicians won't resolve their deadlock over the federal debt limit before the U.S. Treasury's borrowing authority is exhausted next week, adds to the concerns. A financial default could plunge the economy into recession, cause interest rates to increase and home values to drop.

Those worries compound challenges retailers have had in trying to get shoppers spending again. □



A woman shops in the Victoria's Secret PINK store at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. L Brands, the parent of Victoria's Secret, was among the chains that reported results that missed Wall Street estimates for September.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)



## Bank examiner told to back off Goldman: suit

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In a March 2012 meeting, a group of examiners at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York agreed that Goldman Sachs had inadequate procedures to guard against conflicts of interest - guidelines aimed at stopping firms from putting their pursuit of profit ahead of their clients' best interests.

The examiners voted to downgrade a confidential rating assigned by the New York Fed that could have spurred costly enforcement actions and other regulatory penalties. It is not known whether the vote materialized in a rating change. The former examiner who pushed for a downgrade, Carmen Segarra, now contends in a lawsuit filed Thursday that just weeks after the vote, her superiors asked her to change her findings on Goldman and fired her after she refused.

The vote to downgrade, which has not been previously reported, could have been a big blow for Goldman.

"Goldman Sachs does not have a conflicts-of-interest policy, not firmwide, and not for any divisions," the examiner wrote to Michael Silva, a senior executive at the New York Fed. "I would go so far as to say they have never had a policy on conflicts."

The bank has been buffeted by accusations that it has put its own interests ahead of its clients, a contention it denies.

In the lawsuit, Segarra contends she was wrongfully terminated in violation of a federal law that affords protections to bank examiners who find wrongdoing in the course of doing their jobs. Silva, who is chief of staff for the executive group at the New York Fed, is among the defendants named in the suit.

Segarra took her concerns to her bosses, who confronted Goldman. □

## BlackBerry founders looking at buying company

ROB GILLIES  
Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — BlackBerry founders Mike Lazaridis and Douglas Fregin are weighing taking over the struggling smartphone company as it searches for a buyer.

Lazaridis said Thursday in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that he and Fregin are looking to potentially acquire the 92 percent of the shares they don't currently own, either by themselves or with other interested parties. They have hired Goldman Sachs and Centerview Partners to help them explore options.

The filing said Lazaridis and Fregin own 8 percent of BlackBerry.

Their announcement is the latest sign of investor interest in BlackBerry after the company launched a review to consider a possible sale or break-up of its operations. The Canadian company announced last month that Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., which owns close to 10 percent of the company, signed a letter of intent that "contemplates" buying BlackBerry for \$9 a share, or \$4.7 billion. Fairfax, BlackBerry's largest shareholder, is trying to attract other investors. Private equity firm Cerberus is also interested in looking at BlackBerry's books as a step toward a possible bid.

The stock is trading below Fairfax's tentative offer on fears that the deal won't go through or that the final price will be lower. Shares of the company rose 9 cents, or 1.1 percent, to

\$8.20 Thursday.

The BlackBerry, pioneered in 1999, was once the dominant smartphone for on-the-go business people and other consumers. President Barack Obama couldn't bear to part with his BlackBerry. Oprah Winfrey declared it one of her "favorite things." It could be so addictive that it was nicknamed "the CrackBerry." But then came a new generation of competing

until earlier this year. Lazaridis recruited Fairfax head Prem Watsa to join the company's board when he stepped aside as chief executive.

It remains to be seen whether Lazaridis joins Watsa's bid or bids on his own, said BGC analyst Colin Gillis. The stock didn't rise much because it was widely expected that Lazaridis might make a bid, he added. Gillis said that

A spokesman for Lazaridis said he would not comment beyond the filing.

Lazaridis owns about 5.7 percent of BlackBerry. Fregin helped Lazaridis found the company formerly known as Research In Motion and served as vice president of operations before he left. "The Special Committee, with the assistance of the Company's independent financial and legal advisors, is conduct-



**BlackBerry's employees prepare the launch event for the company's new smartphones in London. BlackBerry founders Mike Lazaridis and Douglas Fregin are weighing taking over the struggling smartphone company as it searches for a buyer.**  
(AP Photo/Leferis Pitarakis)

smartphones, starting with Apple's iPhone in 2007. The BlackBerry suddenly looked ancient. The company's sales slumped, it lost billions in market value and it recently announced layoffs of 4,500 workers, or 40 percent of its global workforce.

As the Waterloo, Ontario, company's troubles grew, Lazaridis stepped down as co-CEO in January 2012. He remained on the board

it must hurt Lazaridis to see reports that BlackBerry might be broken up and sold in pieces.

"It's his baby. If anyone is going to see value in the company it's him," Gillis said. "He founded this company. I'm sure it's not pleasant to watch the spot it is in and he sees value in it. It must hurt to see reports that this thing is going to get ripped up and fed to the vultures."

ing a robust and thorough review of strategic alternatives. We do not intend to disclose further developments with respect to the process until we approve a specific transaction or otherwise conclude the review of strategic alternatives," BlackBerry spokeswoman Lisette Kwong said in an emailed statement. She declined to comment on the filing by Lazaridis and Fregin. □

## Oil tops \$103 on hopes US will avoid debt default

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oil prices jumped above \$103 a barrel on Thursday on hopes that U.S. political leaders are near a deal to raise the debt ceiling.

U.S. benchmark oil for November delivery rose \$1.40, or 1.4 percent, to close at \$103.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, reversing much of Wednesday's decline of \$1.88 a barrel. Brent, the

benchmark for international crudes, rose \$2.74, or 2.5 percent, to \$111.80 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Facing a fresh deadline, U.S. House Speaker John Boehner said Thursday that Republicans would vote to extend the government's ability to borrow money for six weeks — but only if President Barack Obama first agrees to fresh negotiations on spending cuts. Un-

der the Republican plan, the partial government shutdown would continue in the meantime.

Meanwhile, developments in Libya reminded markets of the risk to supplies from key crude producers in the region. Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan was abducted by gunmen from the hotel where he resides, but freed hours later. The event gave an extra boost to Brent, the benchmark for internation-

al crudes. In other energy futures trading on Nymex: Natural gas gained 4 cents to \$3.72 per 1,000 cubic feet, the highest price since Sept. 19. Forecasts now call for cooler than expected temperatures across a broad region of the middle of the U.S.

Wholesale gasoline jumped 7 cents to \$2.70 per gallon.

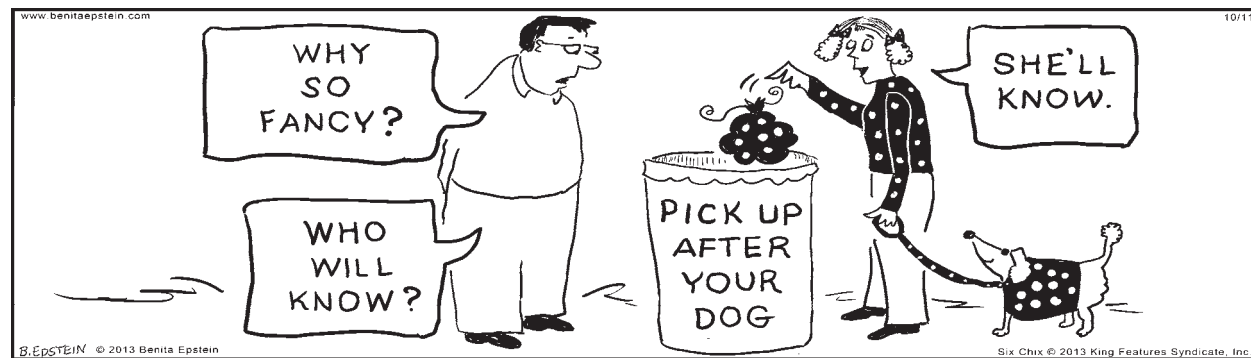
Heating oil added 5 cents to \$3.07 per gallon. □



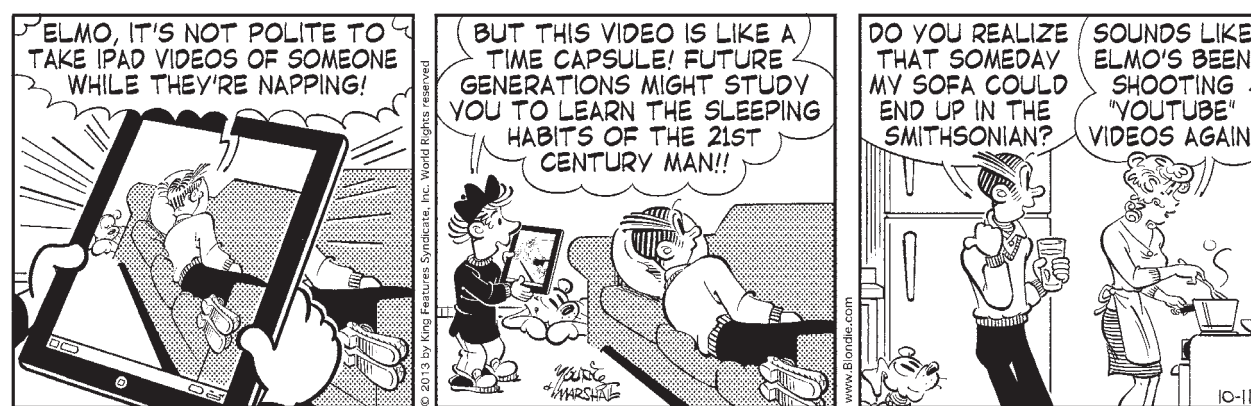
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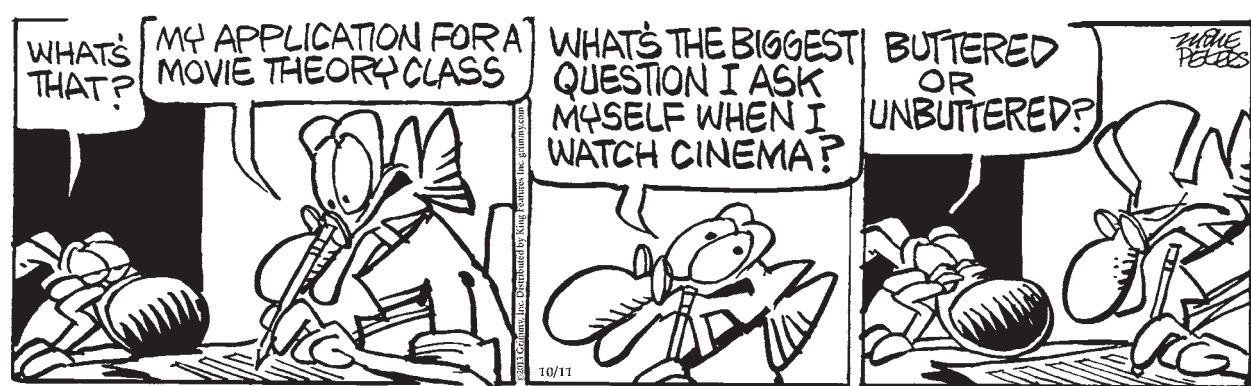
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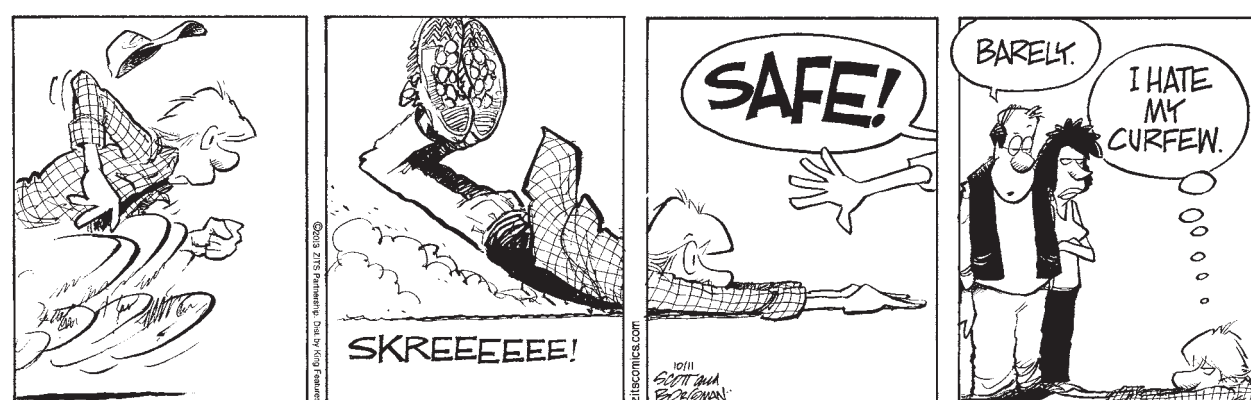
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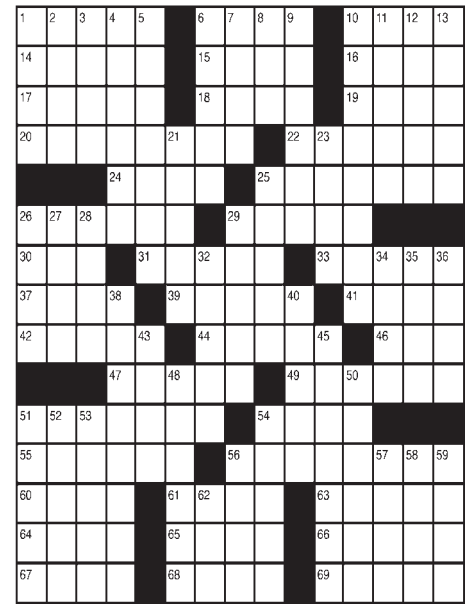
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31 Delay  
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# To neighboring restaurants, shutdown rules arbitrary

ERICA GOODE

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**SAN FRANCISCO** - Perched on an ocean bluff just up the street from the historic Cliff House, Louis' diner has always taken a back seat to its neighbor.

Visitors pour into Cliff House by the thousands to gawk at the views, buy trinkets at the gift shop or dine on brunch in the expan-

belonged to the National Park Service since 1977. Both have contracts with the Park Service and tender a percentage of their income to the federal government.

But while Louis' contract is a lease, exempting it from closing under the shutdown, Cliff House holds a concession with the Park Service, a designation that

all," Mary Hountalas said Wednesday, as disappointed tourists peered through the locked glass doors and staff members canceled long-scheduled weddings and private parties, or tried to persuade other venues to host them.

She said it was especially frustrating because during previous federal shutdowns, like the one in 1995, the restaurant - which faces a city street, has no federal employees and takes no money from the federal government - had been allowed to remain open.

"I can understand if it was a facility in the middle of Yellowstone or Yosemite," she said, "but not in this case." Kevin Weber, the executive chef, added, "It's very much like a family here, which is why it's so painful to see our employees not working."



Louis' diner, on the left, and the historic Cliff House in San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 9, 2013. Both Cliff House and Louis' are privately owned, but sit on National Park Service land and both have contracts with the Park Service, but Louis' lease arrangement exempts it from closing under the government shutdown, while Cliff House's status as a concession requires it to close. (Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

sive Terrace Room. Louis' serves up its hamburgers and fried scallops to 200 people on a good day, in a single room.

And the partial shutdown of the federal government that began Oct. 1 has affected the two businesses in very different ways. Louis' has suddenly found itself deluged with more customers than it can handle, while Cliff House stands dark and empty down the hill.

Their opposite fates, the owners of both establishments say, illustrate the arbitrariness of the rules set off by the shutdown.

Both Cliff House and Louis' are privately owned, and both sit on land that has

requires it to close.

After initially shutting down, the owners of Cliff House, Mary and Dan Hountalas - worried about their 170 employees and the crippling financial loss the business risked if it stayed closed - made a brief attempt to defy the federal order. They reopened for business Monday morning.

"We felt it was something we had to do, and we were hoping the powers that be would realize that we were within our rights to do it," Mary Hountalas said. But late Tuesday, they received word from Washington that they must close again or face severe consequences.

"It makes no sense at

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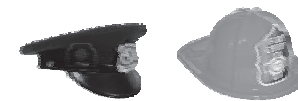


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# 3 in US win chemistry Nobel for computer models

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Three U.S.-based scientists won a Nobel Prize on Wednesday for developing a powerful new way to do chemistry on a computer.

They pioneered highly sophisticated computer simulations of complex chemical processes, giving researchers tools they are now using for a wide variety of tasks, such as designing new drugs and solar cells.

"Today the computer is just as important a tool for chemists as the test tube," the Swedish Academy of Sciences said in announcing this year's \$1.2 million chemistry prize. "Simulations are so realistic that they predict the outcome of traditional experiments." As academy secretary Staffan Normark put it: "This year's prize is about taking the chemical experiment to cyberspace."

The prize honored research done in the 1970s by Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel.

All three scientists became U.S. citizens. Karplus came to the U.S. with his family as Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938. The 83-year-old U.S. and Austrian citizen splits his time between the University of Strasbourg in France and Harvard University.

Levitt, 66, was born in South Africa and is a British, U.S., and Israeli citizen. He is a professor at Stanford University. Warshel, 72, was



**Michael Levitt, a professor at Stanford University who won the Nobel Prize in chemistry, talks about his work during a news conference Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in Stanford, Calif. Martin Karplus, below; Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel, right, three U.S.-based scientists, won this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for developing powerful computer models that researchers use to understand complex chemical interactions and create new drugs.**



born in Israel and is a U.S. and Israeli citizen affiliated with the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Levitt is a biology professor, while the two other winners are chemistry professors.

Levitt told The Associated Press the award recognized him for work he did



when he was 20, before he even had his Ph.D.

"It was just me being in the right place at the right time and maybe having a few good ideas," he said by telephone from his home in California. He joked that the biggest immediate impact of the prize would be his need for dance lessons

before appearing at the Nobel banquet.

"When you go to Stockholm, you have to do ballroom dancing," Levitt said. "This is the big problem I have right now."

Karplus told the AP the 5 a.m. call from the Nobel judges had him worried that the caller might be bearing bad news. "Usually you think when you get a call at 5 o'clock in the morning it's going to be bad news, you know, something's happened," he said.

Warshel, speaking by telephone to a news conference in Stockholm, said he was "extremely happy" to be awakened in the middle of the night in Los Angeles to get the good

news.

The three men were honored for blending two previous approaches for simulating molecules and chemical reactions on computers. One was quantum physics, which applies on the scale of an atom, and the other was classical Newtonian physics, which operates at larger scales. Classical physics could simulate large molecules but not chemical reactions. Quantum physics could give realistic results for reactions but couldn't be used with large molecules because the equations were too complex to solve. The blended approach, which uses quantum mechanics only for key parts of molecules and classical physics for the rest, provides the accuracy of the quantum approach with manageable computations. Working together at Harvard in the early 1970s, Karplus and Warshel developed a computer program that brought together classical and quantum physics. Warshel later joined forces with Levitt at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel and at the University of Cambridge in Britain to develop a program that could be used to study enzymes.

Jeremy Berg, a professor of computational and systems biology at the University of Pittsburgh, said the winning work gives scientists a way to understand complicated interactions that involve thousands to millions of atoms. □



**In this photo shot through glass released by Bolivia's Ministry of Culture, archaeological pieces resembling puma heads carved in stone sit on exhibit at the ministry in La Paz, Bolivia, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013.**

Associated Press

## Bolivia's Lake Titicaca yields trove of relics

**LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)** — A team of Belgian and Bolivian archaeologists has found more than 2,000 pieces of ceramic, gems and gold objects at an apparent ceremonial site beneath the waters of Lake Titicaca.

The most impressive of the items, some said to date back a millennium, are well-preserved puma

heads carved of stone, while pieces of gold leaf were hammered into other anthropomorphic forms.

"We have found archaeological material from the Tiwanaku and Inca cultures among objects from the 19th to the 9th century," project leader Christophe Delaere said during a televised meeting Tuesday with President Evo Morales.

Delaere said divers found the objects more than 20 feet (7 meters) underwater off the Island of the Sun. Also uncovered in the lake that borders Bolivia and Peru were the rudder and anchor of a pre-Columbian boat, he said.

Lake Titicaca, at more than 12,000 feet above sea level, was sacred for the Incas and Tiwanakus. □



## Pope Francis biography expected next year

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A leading Roman Catholic commentator and founder of a pro-Catholic media organization has landed a deal to write a “full-scale” biography of Pope Francis.

Publisher Henry Holt announced Wednesday that it has acquired a book by Austen Ivereigh, a British journalist who helped found Catholic Voices, which seeks to improve how the church is presented in the news. Ivereigh also is a former press secretary for the Archbishop of Westminster.

The book, currently untitled, is expected next year. According to the publisher, Ivereigh's biography will show that the Pope has pressed the “reset button” for the church. Pope Francis has made international



**Pope Francis smiles as he leaves St. Peter's Square at the end of the weekly general audience at the Vatican, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.**

Associated Press

news by saying the church should not spend too much time focusing on gay marriage and abortion and should concern itself more with the poor. □

## As Batman turns 75, DC plans weekly title, events



**This image released by DC Comics shows an image of Batman from the new weekly series “Batman Eternal,” launching in the spring of 2014.**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Dark Knight's 75th anniversary won't be hiding in the shadows of the night. DC Entertainment will mark the milestone for Batman next spring with a weekly comic book, “Batman Eternal,” written by Scott Snyder and others and art by Jason Fabok.

The publisher also said Thursday, ahead of the start of the annual New York Comic Con, that it will

release an anniversary edition of “Detective Comics” No. 27 in honor of Bruce Wayne's first appearance in May 1939. The Bob Kane and Bill Finger-created character's origin will get a “modern-day retelling” in the 104-page issue by Brad Meltzer and Bryan Hitch, along with stories and art from Frank Miller, Neal Adams, Mike Allred, Paul Dini, Sean Murphy and others. The issue is out Jan. 8. □

## Post-‘Fruitvale,’ Michael B. Jordan wants it all

**RYAN PEARSON**

**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Michael B. Jordan wants it all — from a “Rocky” spinoff to a role in the next “Star Wars” movie.

The 26-year-old actor is in discussions for key roles in several big-budget studio movies after his star turn in this summer's indie “Fruitvale Station,” which won both jury and audience awards at the Sundance Film Festival. His role as Oscar Grant, killed by transit police in 2009 at an Oakland train station, is expected to lead to acting honors as Hollywood's movie awards season begins in coming months.

“You win Sundance, you pop up on a lot of peoples' radar. So it's been incredible. It's a different conversation. Studios, producers, writers, directors — getting to know a lot of people in the industry,” Jordan said in an interview Wednesday night at People magazine's “Ones To Watch” party. He's set to work alongside Sylvester Stallone in a “Rocky” spinoff film, saying: “That's amaz-



**In this May 16, 2013 file photo, actor Michael B. Jordan, from the film “Fruitvale Station,” poses at the 66th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France.**

Associated Press

ing, I can't wait to do it. ... That definitely is going on.” “Chronicle” director Josh Trank is considering him for the Human Torch in a “Fantastic Four” reboot currently in development. “Definitely interested in the project. Josh Trank is a buddy of mine,” Jordan said.

And Jordan may be filling Will Smith's shoes in a long-in-the-works sequel to Roland Emmerich's 1996 alien invasion hit “Independence Day.” He says he's a “big fan” of Smith and

the original film, so “if that came true, that would be cool, too.”

Finally, there's “Star Wars: Episode 7,” to be directed by J.J. Abrams. Jordan, who met George Lucas through “Red Tails,” says he auditioned for an unspecified part but didn't wield a lightsaber.

“I mean, everybody's going in on this project. They're trying to figure out what they want,” he said. “That's another incredible franchise. □

## Faris feels ‘guilty’ balancing family with ‘Mom’



**In this Oct. 9, 2013 file photo, actress Anna Faris arrives at the People's Ones To Watch event in Los Angeles.**

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**RYAN PEARSON**

**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Anna Faris can't shake that guilty feeling.

Even as the 36-year-old actress got out of the house for a party for the first time in months, she couldn't

stop thinking about her son, Jack, who is just over a year old.

“I feel like I'm not qualified in any way to be a parent,” Faris said in an interview Wednesday night at People magazine's “Ones to Watch” party. “But I'm

loving it. I think that I'm going through that thing that all new parents feel which is just the guilt. ... Like I feel guilty for being here tonight, not cuddling him in bed.”

Faris is playing a mom on her new CBS series, “Mom,” alongside Allison Janney. Although it's a comedy, Faris says the show tackles more serious issues than she anticipated.

“We're going to places that I would never have expected us to go. Really, truly it feels like such a daring program,” Faris said. “We deal with some heavy, heavy (expletive)!” Faris has had a busy fall, shooting the series and taking care of Jack as her husband. □



# Will.i.am on producing for Spears, Gaga and Cyrus

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**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Will.i.am says his heart is connected to Britney Spears' upcoming album.

He's the executive producer of the pop star's untitled eighth album, to be released Dec. 3.

"This Britney record is like a piece of me, no pun intended!" will.i.am said, referring to Spears' 2007 single, "Piece of Me."

"I appreciate Britney — how she is as a person, all that she's accomplished, how down to Earth and humble she is, sweet, but at the same time fierce. She don't play. She wants to win."

Spears' will.i.am-produced first single, "Work B--tch," is currently No. 13 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. They recently collaborated on the hit "Scream & Shout." "It's really fresh. I'm really passionate about this Britney record," he added in an interview Thursday. "I'm a music-aholic, so when it



**Will.i.am announces the nominees for the American Music Awards, on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 in New York. Will.i.am is executive producing the Britney Spears' eighth album. The untitled album does not have a release date.**

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comes to ... my appreciation for people's passions, and when I collaborate or contribute or consult ... I can't separate myself."

The Black Eyed Peas leader also called the song he's producing for Lady Gaga "fresh." He was tight-lipped

about the singer and her "ARTPOP" album, to be released Nov. 11.

"It's really good. Really good," he said of her new music. "I loved Lady Gaga even before I worked with her, and I love her even more now." □



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## Canada's Alice Munro wins Nobel prize for literature

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**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — If there were a literary award bigger than the Nobel Prize, Alice Munro would probably win that, too.

"Among writers, her name is spoken in hushed tones," fellow Canadian author Margaret Atwood once wrote. "She's the kind of writer about whom it is often said — no matter how well known she becomes — that she ought to be better known." Munro, 82, was awarded literature's highest honor Thursday, saluted by the Nobel committee as a thorough but forgiving chronicler of the human spirit, and her selection marks a number of breakthroughs. She is the first winner of the \$1.2 million prize to be fully identified with Canada. Saul Bellow won in 1976, but though he was born in Canada, he moved to the U.S. as a boy and is more closely associated with Chicago.

Munro is also the rare author to win for short stories. "When I began writing there was a very small community of Canadian writers and little attention was paid by the world. Now Canadian writers are read, admired and respected around the globe," Munro said in a statement issued by her publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. She said she hopes

the Nobel "fosters further interest in all Canadian writers" and "brings further recognition to the short story form." Her books having sold more than 1 million copies in the U.S. alone, she has long been an international ambassador for the short story, proof that the narrative arc and depth of characterization expected from a novel can be realized in just 30 to 40 pages.

Critics and peers have praised her in every way a writer can be praised: the precision of her language; the perfection of detail; the surprise and logic of her storytelling; the graceful, seamless shifts of moods; the intimacy with every shade of human behavior. Her stories are usually set in Ontario, her home province. Among her best-known is "The Bear Came Over the Mountain," about a woman who begins losing her memory and agrees with her husband that she should be put in a nursing home. Canadian actress-director Sarah Polley adapted the story into the 2006 film "Away from Her," starring Julie Christie. The narrative begins in a relatively tender, traditional mood. But we soon learn that the husband has been unfaithful in the past and didn't always regret it — "What he felt was mainly a gigantic increase in well-being." □

## Actor Craig Robinson in minor Bahamas drug bust

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**Associated Press**

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)** — Comic actor Craig Robinson was detained Wednesday for drug possession as he tried to leave the Bahamas and was ordered to pay a fine, authorities said. The actor best known for his role as Darryl Philbin on NBC's "The Office" was stopped as he tried to board a plane in the capital, Nassau, and head back to the United States. Customs agents found a small amount of marijuana and pills deemed suspicious, said Supt. Stephen Dean of the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

"It was nothing major," Dean said.

Robinson, who was in the Bahamas for a comedy show, was taken into cus-

tody and appeared before a magistrate, where he pleaded guilty to two counts of drug possession. Prosecutor Ercel Dorsett told the court that Robinson had a half gram of marijuana and 18 ecstasy pills.

The 41-year-old actor, who appeared calm in a shorts and T-shirt and was not accompanied by a lawyer, told the court he brought the drugs from the United States and did not know they were illegal in the Bahamas.

Magistrate Andrew Forbes ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine and directed that he be turned over to authorities and removed from the country. He could have faced four years in prison.

A publicist for Robinson, Ni-



**In this Jan. 19, 2012 file photo, actor Craig Robinson arrives at the nominations for the 43rd NAACP Image Awards, in Beverly Hills, Calif. Comic actor Craig Robinson was detained Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013 for drug possession as he tried to leave the Bahamas and was ordered to pay a fine, authorities said.**

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cole Chabot, declined to comment. Blair Berk, a Los Angeles lawyer who represented the actor after a previous drug arrest, also declined comment. □



# The Boehner Bunglers



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The federal government is shut down, we're about to hit the debt ceiling (with disastrous economic consequences), and no resolution is in sight. How did this happen?

The main answer, which only the most pathologically "balanced" reporting can deny, is the radicalization of the Republican Party. As Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein put it last year in their book, "It's Even Worse Than It Looks," the GOP has become "an insurgent outlier - ideologically extreme; contemptuous of the inherited social and economic policy regime; scornful of compromise; unpersuaded by conventional understanding of facts, evidence and science; and dismissive of the legitimacy of its political opposition."

But there's one more important piece of the story. Conservative leaders are indeed ideologically extreme, but they're also deeply incompetent. So much so, in fact, that the Dunning-Kruger effect - the truly incompetent can't even recognize their own incompetence - reigns supreme. To see what I'm talking about, consider the report in Sunday's New York Times about the origins of the current crisis. Early this year, it turns out, some of the usual suspects - the Koch brothers, the political arm of the Heritage Foundation and others - plotted strategy in the wake of Republican electoral defeat. Did they talk about rethinking ideas that voters had soundly rejected? No, they talked extortion, insisting that the threat of a shutdown would induce President Barack Obama to abandon health reform. This was crazy talk. After all, health reform is Obama's signature domestic achievement. You'd have to be completely clueless to believe that he could be bullied into giving up his entire legacy by a defeated, unpopular GOP - as opposed to responding, as he has, by making resistance to blackmail an issue of principle. But the possibility that their strategy might backfire doesn't seem to have occurred to the would-be extortionists.

Even more remarkable, in its way, was the response of House Republican leaders, who didn't tell the activists they were being foolish. All they did was urge that the extortion attempt be made over the debt ceiling rather than a government shutdown. And as

recently as last week Eric Cantor, the majority leader, was in effect assuring his colleagues that the president will, in fact, give in to blackmail. As far as anyone can tell, Republican leaders are just beginning to suspect that Obama really means what he has been saying all along.

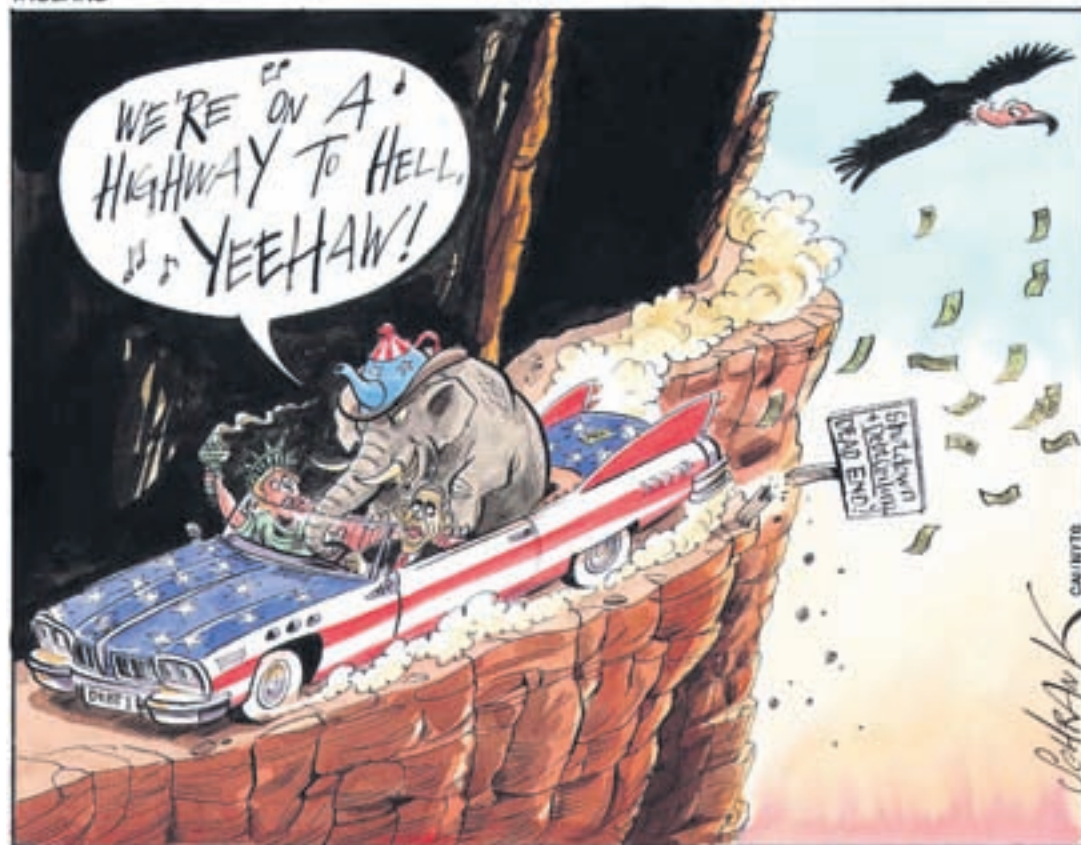
Many people seem perplexed by the transformation of the GOP into the political equivalent of the Keystone Kops - the Boehner Bunglers? Republican elders, many of whom have been in denial about their party's radicalization, seem especially startled. But all of this was predictable.

It has been obvious for years that the modern Republican Party is no longer capable of thinking seriously about policy. Whether the issue is climate change or inflation, party members believe what they want to believe, and any contrary evidence is dismissed as a hoax, the product of vast liberal conspiracies.

For a while the party was able to compartmentalize, to remain savvy and realistic about politics even as it rejected objectivity everywhere else. But this wasn't sustainable. Sooner or later, the party's attitude toward policy - we listen only to people who tell us what we want to hear, and attack the bearers of uncomfortable news - was bound to infect political strategy, too.

Remember what happened in the 2012 election - not the fact that Mitt Romney lost, but the fact that all the political experts around him apparently had no inkling that he was likely to lose. Polls overwhelmingly pointed to an Obama victory, but Republican analysts denounced the polls as "skewed" and attacked the media outlets reporting those polls for their alleged liberal bias. These days Karl Rove is pleading with House Republicans to be reasonable and accept the results of the 2012 election. But on election night he tried to bully Fox News into retracting its correct call of Ohio - and hence, in effect, the election - for Obama. Unfortunately for all of us, even the shock of electoral defeat wasn't enough to burst the GOP bubble; it's still a party dominated by wishful thinking, and all but impervious to inconvenient facts. And now that party's leaders have bungled themselves into a corner.

Everybody not inside the bubble realizes that Obama can't and won't negotiate under the threat that the House will blow up the economy if he doesn't - any concession at all would legitimize extortion as a routine part of politics. Yet Republican leaders are just beginning to get a clue, and so far clearly have no idea how to back down. Meanwhile, the government is shut, and a debt crisis looms. Incompetence can be a terrible thing. □



# Why The Debt Ceiling Matters



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The word we keep hearing is "catastrophe."

"A U.S. Default Seen as Catastrophe, Dwarfing Lehman's Fall," screams the headline in Bloomberg Businessweek. "A default would be unprecedented and has the potential to be catastrophic," says a Treasury Department report issued Thursday - two weeks before the government is expected to begin running out of cash.

But what does "catastrophic" actually mean in this context? In the summer of 2011, when Republicans refused to raise the debt ceiling unless President Barack Obama caved to their extortionist demands, the same word was bandied about. It scared the political class enough that they kicked the can and avoided a default.

This time around, the need to raise the debt ceiling doesn't seem to be generating nearly the same concern. Indeed, Tea Party Republicans seem to be almost rooting for the government to default, as if that would somehow bring about the smaller government they so yearn for.

But this is incredibly wrongheaded. A failure to raise the debt ceiling, should it come to that, would likely inflict a different kind of pain than sequestration or even a shutdown of the federal government. It won't make the government smaller. But it does have the potential to diminish the value of one of America's

greatest assets - the backing of its debt - while throwing the world economy into chaos.

The first point worth making is that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which declares that "the validity of the public debt of the United States ... shall not be questioned," was added precisely to avoid what is happening now: a faction of Congress using the debt ceiling as a bargaining chip. That basic truth, as Fortune's Roger Parloff noted in a recent blog post, "ought to weigh very heavily in the minds - and on the consciences - of the House Republican faction that is now unambiguously violating its letter and spirit."

The second point worth making is that U.S. government debt is the only risk-free asset in the world. That debt undergirds the entire world financial system - precisely because the whole world has such faith in it. There is always demand for U.S. government debt. Almost every other asset you can think of is in some way measured against it. A default would destabilize the market for Treasuries. And that, in turn, would likely destabilize every other asset.

The stock market would fall. Interest rates would rise - meaning, for instance, mortgages would become more expensive just as the housing market is starting to revive. Treasuries themselves would likely have to pay higher interest to investors, which would create a rather sad irony: A default would exacerbate the country's long-term debt (the very problem the Republicans claim to care about).

Let's move to the havoc a destabilized Treasury debt would have on the banking system. "The plumbing of the global financial system depends on Treasuries," says Karen Petrou, a banking expert at Federal Financial Analytics. Remember what happened to Lehman Bros.? As the market lost faith in the company's ability to meet its obligations, Lehman lost access to the "repo" mar-

ket, which is the way banks are funded on a short-term basis. Treasuries make up a great deal of the collateral in the repo market. If a default were to cause the repo market to freeze, the entire banking system would find itself in crisis. Meanwhile - more shades of Lehman Bros. - the ratings agencies would likely downgrade Treasuries, forcing money market funds to start dumping government debt.

Painful choices would have to be made. Right now, the Treasury Department says it does not have the authority to pick and choose which creditors to pay. But, in the event of a default, it is hard to imagine that the government wouldn't make some tough decisions about who should get paid in the short term - and who would have to wait. And, though this would infuriate millions of Americans, bondholders in China would likely get their money before, say, Social Security recipients.

"From a purely cost-benefit analysis," says Mark Zandi of Moody's Analytics, "not paying bondholders would wind up costing the U.S. much more than not paying Social Security recipients" - because if bondholders lost faith in Treasuries, it would cost the government billions more in interest payments each year.

During the 2011 debt-ceiling crisis, consumer confidence dropped by 22 percent. When consumer confidence falls, people are less willing to spend and businesses are less willing to hire. That's how recessions - or depressions - begin, and that may be the most important consequence of all.

For as long as anyone can remember, the ability of the U.S. government to pay its bills on time has given the rest of world tremendous confidence. At the same time, to have the one asset everyone in the world trusts has given America great advantages.

Why on earth would we ever risk that? Why? □



# Making Friends And Influencing People At Dinner

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**NEW YORK** - Jonathan Levy was standing on the coffee table in his spacious apartment, holding up a bottle of Lagavulin 16 like a trophy. It was after midnight on a Wednesday last month and the living room was packed with chief executives, designers, philanthropists and TV personalities.

The alcohol had been flowing for nearly three hours and Levy was having some trouble quieting his roughly 100 guests. "You're so cute!" called one of the rowdier ones, a former cast member from "The Real World: New Orleans."

For the last three years, Levy, 33, has hosted a twice-monthly dinner, in which he gathers a dozen or so influential strangers to cook together and mingle. After the meal, he opens his home to the growing "Influencers Network" for a celebratory cocktail party. And what were the guests celebrating on this Wednesday night? Why, themselves of course. And one another. And Jon, as he is known, who introduced them.

"I started these dinners hoping that if I could have people who do incredible things in my life, then my life would be extraordinary," said Levy in a manner that sounded less like a toast and more like a confessional. "You've all surpassed my greatest expectations. Thank you for coming to my home, and spending my life with me, since my family is spread across the world."

"Awww" rippled through the room. From atop the coffee table, Levy looked genuinely moved. When he finally stepped down, a guest who calls himself the Foodie Magician hopped onto the coffee table and started performing magic tricks.

The "What Not to Wear" co-host Stacy London, who was there that night, said she didn't take Levy seriously when she received an invitation to dinner after meeting him at a tech

event.

"I thought: 'Here's a young kid with a lot of money. Good for you,'" London said. Then she ran into him again at a party for Rachel Sklar's Web community The Li.st, which she called "Skull and Bones for women." Levy followed up with another invitation, and this time London thought "what the heck."

Levy works in digital mar-

research at Moody's Analytics. His sister is a hip-hop fusion artist who lives in New York and Tel Aviv.

Levy grew up attending parties filled with artists and cultural luminaries, but as he approached 30, he looked at his life and realized that it had not quite reached the level of extraordinary for which he had hoped. So he followed what he said was his par-

CBS Radio, the founder of Improv Everywhere, an MTV VJ, a world poker champion and Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss. The publicists and managers of people like the model and actress Brooklyn Decker (who Levy believes will one day attend) have also sautéed chicken at his stove and baked brownies in his oven. Regardless of how influential you are (how fa-

drinks and cooking. Once seated, guests must guess one another's identities. This is done one person at a time, and the exercise takes up the entire meal. Given the time crunch (the cocktail party starts at 9:30), dinner seemed like an urgent game of duck, duck goose. Levy hurried around the table, ordering people to spit out their guesses more promptly. "We're on borrowed time," he said, snapping his fingers. Why the guessing game? "When people don't know what you do, there's no expectation about how you should act," the host said. "I had a person who runs a division in one of the largest hedge funds in the world, and people thought he was a fashion designer."

Mallis is renowned in her field. At fashion events, people always want something from her. "It's nice to be around people who have no clue what I do," she said. The Wednesday dinner was dubbed the platinum dinner because of the guests' especially impressive résumés. (They were warned that this reporter was attending, but Levy insisted that I remain undercover. At dinner, I was seated between Kevin King, the global chairman of the PR firm Edelman Digital - whom everybody thought was in sports marketing - and Bre Pettis, the chief executive of MakerBot, whom everybody accused of being the reporter.) Only two people actually knew each other: Mallis and London. A lot of people vaguely recognized the actor Kevin Corrigan, but most couldn't place him. When it was his turn to fess up, he made a show. "'The Departed' and 'Goodfellas'" he shouted a couple of times, banging his fists on the table. Later on, after the dinner plates were cleared and the cocktail party was in full swing, Corrigan was asked what he thought of the proceedings. "I didn't like judging people based on flimsy information," he said. □



**Jonathan Levy, rear right, director of digital marketing at the publishing company Rodale, with his guests in New York. Levy hosts a twice-monthly dinner as a way to meet and make friends with influential New Yorkers, as well as to bring them together. Stacy London, the "What Not to Wear" co-host is rear left. (Karsten Moran/The New York Times)**

keting at the publishing company Rodale, and lives in the five-bedroom apartment where he grew up. By his own standards of what makes an influencer, he probably wouldn't make the cut. But his family would. His father, the painter Benjamin Levy, and his mother, Hanna Levy, a successful composer and conductor, live in an artists' colony in Ein Hod, Israel. One of his older brothers runs a lab at Boston Children's Hospital and teaches at Harvard Medical School; the other is the director of portfolio

ents' lead and started inviting people over for dinner - influential people. In the advertising and start-up worlds, an influencer is a person, product or campaign that gets everyone else talking, tweeting and buying. Levy has a somewhat grander, if more abstract vision: He believes that bringing a diverse, influential community together will inevitably lead to collaborations that, he says, have the potential to "change the world." To date, he has hosted more than 500 people, including the president of

mous or wealthy), Levy will make you wash the dishes. "I'm not used to coming to somebody's house and being bossed around - being told what to cut and chop and clean," said Fern Mallis, a key figure in New York Fashion Week, who attended this particular dinner. "He's a little bossy. Actually a lot bossy. But I'm always enchanted by being in a situation where you don't know who you're going to meet." In fact, anonymity is a key element at Levy's dinners. Professions and last names are withheld during pre-dinner